

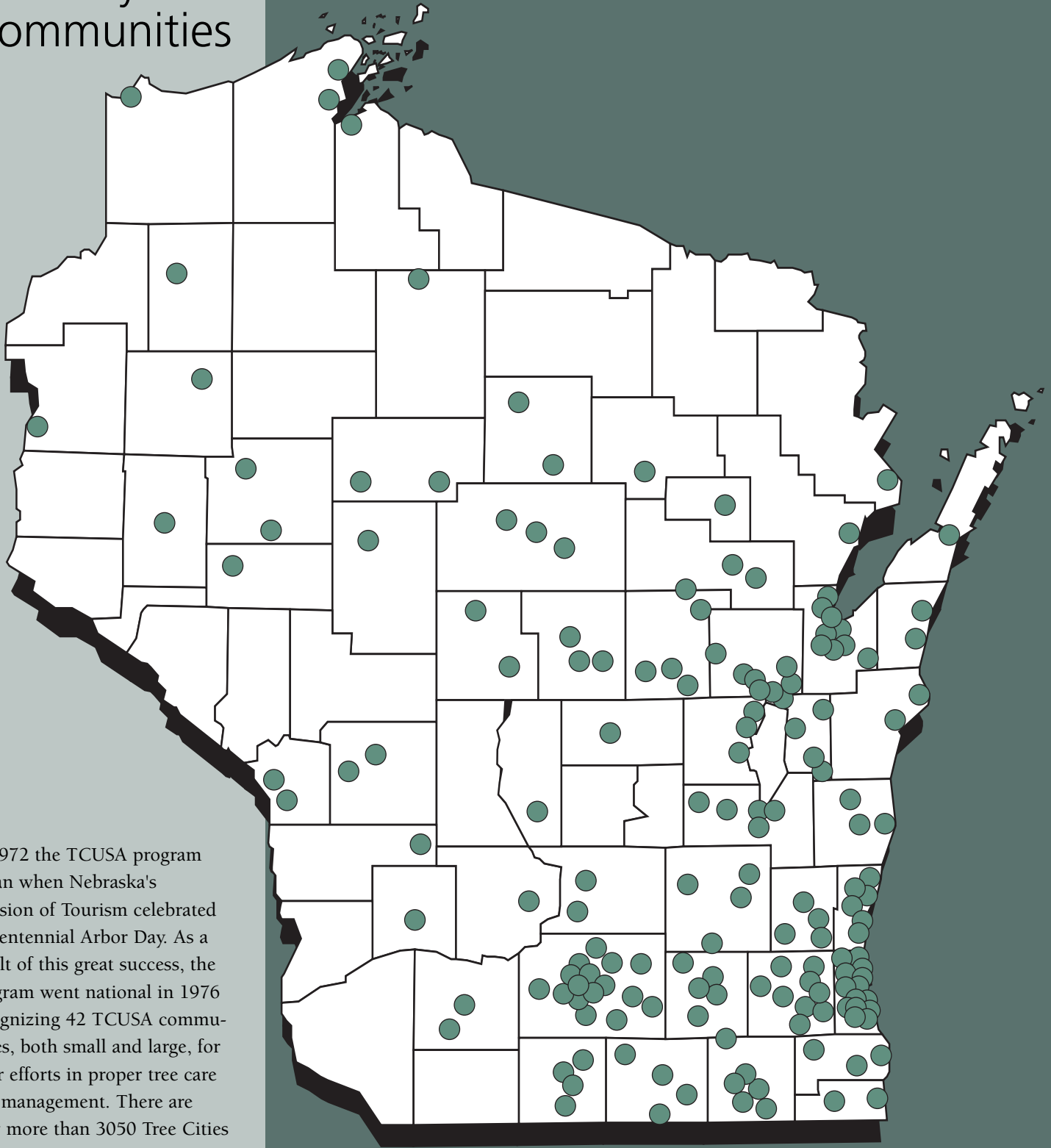
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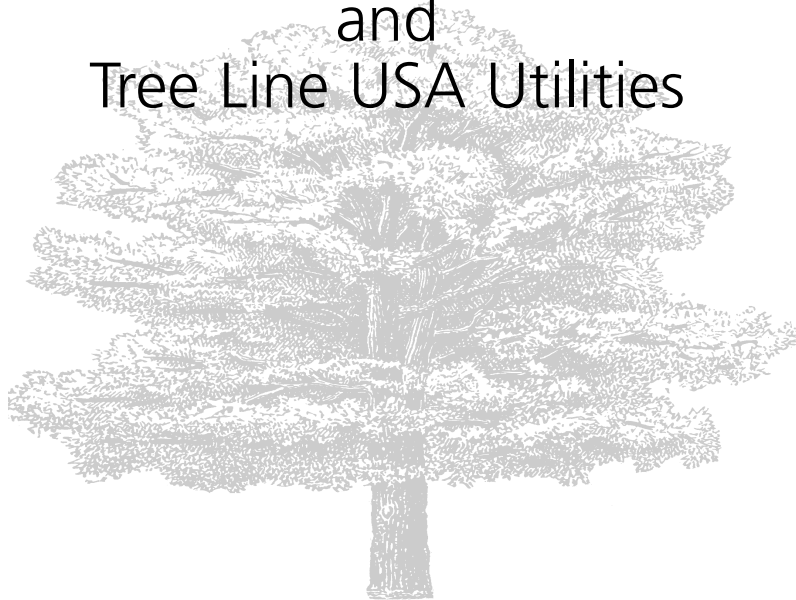


2005 Wisconsin Tree City USA Communities



In 1972 the TCUSA program began when Nebraska's Division of Tourism celebrated its centennial Arbor Day. As a result of this great success, the program went national in 1976 recognizing 42 TCUSA communities, both small and large, for their efforts in proper tree care and management. There are now more than 3050 Tree Cities across the country. Wisconsin boasts 162 Tree Cities, ranking us 3rd in the nation!

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Welcome

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The Wisconsin Urban Forestry Council:



The Wisconsin Urban Forestry Council: (left to right) Jeff Edgar, Jeff Gorman, Dick Welch, Tim Bauknecht, John Gall, Ken Ottman, Bob Dahl, Dan Traas, Matt Duvall, Mike Michlig, Dick Rideout, Mark Weaver, Dave Liska, Mike Maddox, Joan Stevens, Logan Nelson, Leif Hubbard. (Not pictured: Dr. R. Bruce Allison, Dr. Bob Brush, Wayne Glowac, Dr. Laura Jull, Heather Mann, Joe Wilson)

Wisconsin DNR Urban Forestry Working Group:



The Wisconsin DNR Urban Forestry Working Group: (left to right) Cindy Casey, Don Kissinger, Tracy Salisbury, Jeff Roe, Olivia Witthun, Dick Rideout, Mike LaBissoniere; (upper right inset) Tracey Teodecki; (lower right inset) Kim Gorenc Sebastian

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Tree Facts

Trees are not only beautiful, they work hard too! Healthy, abundant community trees mean a healthier environment, enhanced vitality of business districts, cost savings, and improved human health and wellbeing. New research reveals that trees planted in the right place return from \$3–\$7 in annual benefits for every dollar invested in their care.



City of La Crosse



Village of Mount Horeb



Village of Shorewood Hills

Trees increase property values

- Well-maintained trees enhance “curb appeal.” Research comparing sales prices of residential properties indicates that people are willing to pay 3–7% more for properties with ample trees versus comparable properties with few or no trees.
- Each large front-yard tree is associated with an approximately 1% increase in the sales price of a home. Backyard trees are worth approximately 75% of front-yard trees.

Trees save homeowners money

- Trees provide substantial energy savings in the Midwest because they offer protection both during the cold winters and warm summers. An energy-efficient home in the Minneapolis metro region can reduce annual heating and cooling costs by approximately 8% with three 25-foot trees strategically located in the yard.

TREE FACTS



Village of Shorewood Hills



Village of Waunakee

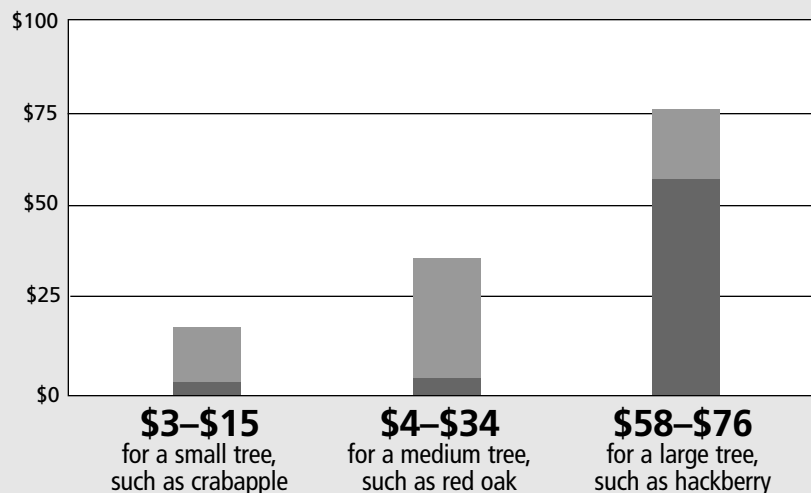


Village of New Glarus

Trees *conserve energy*

- There is now proof that trees save energy, reduce storm water runoff, reduce air pollution, increase property values and reduce noise.
- Wind protection from three 25-ft-tall trees—two on the west side and one on the east side of the house—would save \$25 each year for heating, a 3% reduction.
- Trees located opposite west-facing walls provide the greatest net savings in heating and cooling costs. A typical 20-year-old hackberry intercepts 1,394 gallons of rainfall per year. After 40 years, this figure increases to 5,387 gallons.
- Trees are an important component of local infrastructure. Greening our cities is often more cost effective than building new power plants or maintaining storm water management structures.
- Trees modify climate and conserve building energy—by shading, evaporative cooling and reducing wind speed.

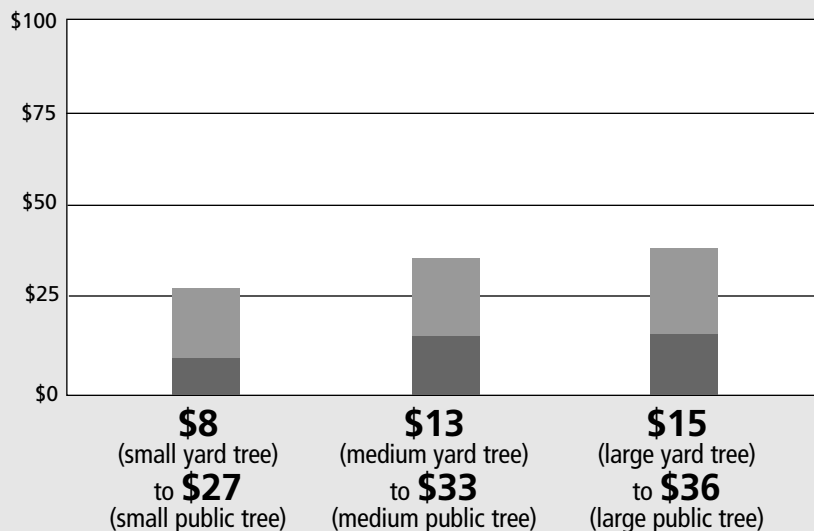
Average annual net benefits for a 40-year-old tree



Public trees are represented at the lower end of each range, yard trees at the higher end, primarily due to differences in maintenance costs.

Environmental benefits of trees exceed tree care costs

Twenty years after planting, average annual costs for tree care ranged from **\$8 to \$36** per tree.



Public trees are more expensive to maintain than yard trees, primarily due to the increased costs of pruning, planting, and removal.



Village of Ashwaubenon



City of Wausau

Trees provide added benefits

BEAUTY

- Trees add color, texture, line, and form to our landscape. Research on the aesthetic quality of residential streets shows that street trees are the single strongest positive influence on scenic quality.

RETAIL SETTINGS

- In contrast to areas without trees, shoppers indicate that they shop more often and longer in well-landscaped business districts. They are willing to pay more for parking and up to 11% more for goods and services.

NOISE REDUCTION

- Thick strips of vegetation in conjunction with landforms or solid barriers can reduce highway noise by 6–15 decibels. Plants also absorb more high-frequency noise than low-frequency noise. High-frequency noise is more distressing to people.

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TREE CITY USA GROWTH AWARD—

The Growth Award recognizes Tree Cities that have gone above and beyond the four standards of certification, completing activities to strengthen their local tree care programs. To qualify, a community must be a Tree City USA for at least the second consecutive year and must have spent at least as much on its community forestry program as it did last year. To achieve the award, it must have performed a specified number of new activities in the areas of Education and Public Relations, Partnerships, Planning and Management, or Tree Planting and Maintenance.



ABOUT THE PROGRAM—The Tree City USA program of the National Arbor Day Foundation recognizes communities that make a commitment to the planting and care of trees. The program's purpose is to promote public awareness of tree benefits and stimulate public support for healthy and abundant community forests. There are four requirements:

- **A Tree Board or Department**

The community has a board, commission or department with legal responsibility for the care of public trees and authority to develop and administer a community tree management program.

- **A Municipal Tree Ordinance**

A vegetation ordinance regulates and establishes authority for tree planting, maintenance, protection and removal.

- **A Community Forestry Program with an Annual Budget of at Least \$2 Per Capita**

The community's expenditure on tree care and management is the equivalent of at least two dollars per capita, which can include the value of donated labor, services, materials and equipment.

- **An Arbor Day Observance and Proclamation**

The community issues a mayoral (or equivalent) Arbor Day proclamation and sponsors or participates in an Arbor Day observance.

PROGRAM BENEFITS—Every community, regardless of size, benefits from being a Tree City USA. Reports of these benefits have reached The National Arbor Day Foundation through the years and are summarized below in six general categories:

- **Framework for Action**

Meeting the four standards for becoming a Tree City USA provides initial direction for an urban or community forestry program. Like the first rungs on a ladder, the standards help get a community started toward annual, systematic management of its tree resource.

- **Education**

Education begins with discussion of the standards and getting organized to apply for Tree City USA status. This process leads to direct contact with the state forester's staff, setting in motion aid from a variety of professionals in the form of technical advice, resource materials, training, and other assistance.

- **Public Image**

A community's public image is very important! Being a Tree City USA helps present the kind of image that most citizens want for the place they live or conduct business. The Tree City USA signs at community entrances tell visitors that this is a community that cares about its environment. It is also an indication to prospective businesses that the quality of life may be better here. It has even been known to be a factor in deciding where meetings or conferences are held. This reason alone caused a motel owner to start action for his community to join the network!

- **Citizen Pride**

Gaining and retaining Tree City USA recognition is an award to the tree workers, managers, volunteers, tree board members and others who work on behalf of better care of a community's trees. Non-involved citizens, too, often share a sense of pride that theirs is a Tree City USA. This may translate to better care of trees on private property or a willingness to volunteer in the future.

- **Financial Assistance**

Because the TCUSA Award signifies a commitment to tree care and management, preference is sometimes given to Tree City USA communities over other communities when allocations of grant money are made for trees or forestry programs.

- **Publicity**

Presentation of the Tree City USA award and the celebration of Arbor Day offer excellent opportunities to publicize a community's commitment to its trees. This is not only rewarding to the individuals personally involved in tree care, but also provides one more way to reach large numbers of people with information about the importance of trees to a community's quality of life. As one forester put it, "This is advertising that money can't buy—and it is free!"



Fort McCoy



Village of Albany

2005 Tree City USA Recipients

Municipality	No. of Years	Tree City Years	No. of Growth Awards
Adams	12	'94-'05	1
Albany	2	'04-'05	0
Algoma	5	'01-'05	4*
Allouez	10	'96-'05	1
Amherst	9	'97-'05	6
Antigo	13	'92-'99,'01-'05	2*
Appleton	22	'82,'84-'87,'89-'05	12
Ashland	3	'03-'05	2*
Ashwaubenon	13	'93-'05	9*
Baraboo	14	'92-'05	1
Bayfield	6	'00-'05	3
Beaver Dam	15	'91-'05	1*
Bellevue	3	'03-'05	0
Beloit	18	'88-'05	3
Bloomer	20	'86-'05	1
Brillion	6	'00-'05	0
Brookfield	8	'98-'05	1
Brown Deer	9	'97-'05	1
Cambridge	2	'04-'05	0
Cedarburg	16	'90-'05	7*
Chenequa	21	'85-'05	0
Chilton	12	'94-'05	9
Chippewa Falls	24	'82-'05	1
Clinton	3	'03-'05	2*
Clintonville	16	'90-'05	0
Combined Locks	13	'93-'05	0
Cottage Grove	10	'96-'05	0
Cudahy	17	'89-'05	0
DeForest	1	'05	0
Delafield	9	'97-'05	0
Delavan	16	'90-'05	0
Denmark	4	'02-'05	0
DePere	10	'96-'05	6*
Dodgeville	13	'93-'05	6
Dresser	3	'98,'04-'05	0
Eau Claire	27	'76-'77,'79,'81,'83-'05	2*
Edgar	10	'96-'05	0
Elkhart Lake	7	'99-'05	2
Elkhorn	1	'05	0
Elm Grove	16	'90-'05	0
Evansville	5	'01-'05	1*
Fitchburg	9	'97-'05	4*
Fond du Lac	18	'88-'05	5
Fontana	18	'88-'05	2
Fort Atkinson	14	'92-'05	8*
Fort McCoy	17	'89-'05	2
Fox Point	17	'89-'05	0

Municipality	No. of Years	Tree City Years	No. of Growth Awards
Franklin	5	'01-'05	0
Fredonia	13	'93-'05	0
Fremont	10	'96-'05	0
Germantown	3	'03-'05	0
Gilman	18	'88-'05	1
Glendale	8	'94-'96,'01-'05	0
Grafton	12	'94-'05	0
Grand Chute, town (Outagamie)	2	'04-'05	0
Green Bay	24	'82-'05	4
Greendale	10	'96-'05	0
Greenfield	12	'94-'05	11*
Greenville, town (Outagamie)	5	'01-'05	3*
Hales Corners	6	'00-'05	0
Hartford	15	'87,'90,'93-'05	4
Hillsboro	13	'93-'05	6
Hobart	7	'99-'05	0
Horicon	19	'87-'05	2
Howard	14	'92-'05	7
Jackson	12	'94-'05	0
Janesville	2	'04-'05	0
Jefferson	12	'92-'96,'99-'05	4
Johnson Creek	1	'05	0
Kaukauna	13	'93-'05	0
Kenosha	24	'82-'05	5
Kewaunee	4	'02-'05	0
Kimberly	18	'88-'05	2
La Crosse	17	'89-'05	1
Lake Geneva	11	'95-'05	1
Lake Mills	14	'92-'05	5
Lawrence, town (Brown)	6	'00-'05	0
Little Chute	12	'94-'05	0
Lodi	12	'94-'05	7
Madison, city	17	'89-'05	5
Madison, town (Dane)	12	'93,'95-'05	0
Manitowoc	23	'83-'05	1
Maple Bluff	4	'02-'05	0
Marinette	14	'92-'05	13*
Marion	5	'01-'05	0
Marshall	5	'94-'95,'03-'05	0
Marshfield	24	'82-'05	2
Medford	17	'89-'05	6
Menasha	23	'83-'05	2
Menominee, town (Menominee)	6	'95,'98-'99,'03-'05	1*
Menomonee Falls	6	'87-'88,'02-'05	0
Menomonie	16	'90-'05	4
Mequon	12	'94-'05	0
Merrill	20	'85-'01,'03-'05	0

Municipality	No. of Years	Tree City Years	No. of Growth Awards
Middleton	12	'94-'05	6
Milwaukee	27	'79-'05	1
Mineral Point	1	'05	0
Monona	16	'90-'05	3
Monroe	18	'88-'05	8
Monticello	13	'93-'05	4
Mount Horeb	9	'97-'05	3
Muskego	7	'99-'05	3
Neenah	22	'84-'05	1
New Berlin	4	'02-'05	0
New Glarus	11	'95-'05	2
New Holstein	4	'02-'05	0
New London	13	'93-'05	4
North Fond du Lac	2	'04-'05	0
Oak Creek	6	'00-'05	4*
Oakfield	2	'04-'05	0
Oconomowoc	13	'93-'05	0
Oconto	7	'99-'05	2
Onalaska	6	'00-'05	1
Oshkosh	25	'81-'05	0
Paddock Lake	7	'94-'98,'04-'05	0
Phillips	2	'04-'05	0
Plover	13	'93-'05	2
Plymouth	13	'93-'05	0
Port Washington	11	'95-'05	0
Portage	11	'94,'96-'05	0
Racine	10	'76,'79-'82,'86-'90	0
Rice Lake	15	'91-'05	2
Richland Center	7	'99-'05	3
Ripon	15	'91-'05	0
Rosendale	9	'97-'05	5*
Rothschild	4	'02-'05	0
Saukville	18	'88-'05	0
Shawano	12	'94-'05	4
Sheboygan	28	'76,'79-'05	0
Sherwood	6	'00-'05	0
Shorewood	10	'96-'05	0
Shorewood Hills	4	'02-'05	3*
Sparta	9	'96-'03,'05	3
Spooner	3	'03-'05	2*
Stevens Point	25	'76,'80-'86,'89-'05	7*
Stoughton	12	'94-'05	9*
Sturgeon Bay	12	'94-'05	0
Sun Prairie	13	'93-'05	1
Superior	7	'99-'05	0
Theresa	11	'95-'05	6
Thorp	13	'93-'05	0

Municipality	No. of Years	Tree City Years	No. of Growth Awards
Tomahawk	22	'83-'87,'89-'05	1
Two Rivers	12	'91-'92,'96-'05	2
Verona	11	'95-'05	1
Washburn	1	'05	0
Waterford, town (Racine)	2	'04-'05	0
Waterford, Vill.	9	'97-'05	1
Waterloo	14	'92-'05	3
Watertown	17	'89-'05	0
Waukesha	27	'79-'05	3
Waunakee	4	'02-'05	0
Waupaca	12	'94-'05	1
Wausau	25	'81-'05	0
Wautoma	7	'99-'05	0
Wauwatosa	24	'82-'05	0
Wescott, town (Shawano)	7	'95,'98-'00,'03-'05	1*
West Allis	23	'76-'77,'80-'82,'88-'05	0
West Bend	22	'83-'84,'86-'05	7*
Weyauwega	12	'94-'05	0
Whitefish Bay	12	'94-'05	0
Whitewater	12	'94-'05	6*
Williams Bay	5	'01-'05	0
Wisconsin Rapids	17	'89-'05	0

*2005 Growth Award Recipient

New Tree City USA participants are shown in BOLD.

SUMMARY:

Current Tree Cities	162
New Tree Cities	8
Returning Communities	3
Growth Awards	24

Tree Line USA

ABOUT THE PROGRAM—The Tree Line USA program recognizes public and private utilities that demonstrate practices that protect and enhance urban forests. The purpose of the program is to promote the dual goals of dependable utility service and abundant, healthy trees along streets and highways. The program has three requirements:

- **Quality Tree Care**

Work practices are compatible with national tree care and protection standards.

- **Annual Worker Training**

Employees, contractors and supervisors receive annual training in proper tree care practices.

- **Tree Planting and Public Education**

The utility sponsors an ongoing tree-planting program, provides educational information about trees and their care, and participates in Arbor Day events.



Richland Electric Cooperative



Stoughton Municipal Utilities



Vernon Electric Cooperative

2005 Tree Line USA Recipients

Utility	No. of Years	Tree Line Years
Alliant Energy	8	1998-2005
East Central Energy	2	2004-2005
Hartford Electric	2	2003, 2005
Madison Gas and Electric	9	1997-2005
Pierce Pepin Cooperative Services	2	2004-2005
Richland Electric Cooperative	5	2001-2005
Shawano Municipal Utilities	3	2003-2005
Stoughton Municipal Utilities	5	2001-2005
Vernon Electric Cooperative	5	2001-2005
WE Energies	8	1998-2005
Wisconsin Public Service Corporation	11	1995-2005
Xcel Energy	11	1995-2005



2005 Program Highlights

Each 2005 Tree City community and Tree Line utility was asked to submit a brief description of their forestry program highlights over the past year. Thank you to those who shared highlights, and congratulations on taking pride in your accomplishments! This exchange of information is intended to facilitate networking among tree managers and to share ideas for making good programs even better!

City of Adams

12-YEAR PARTICIPANT • GROWTH AWARD '96

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Destruction Before Construction—The City of Adams has embarked upon a very extensive and ambitious neighborhood rebuilding program. The project entails replacing 22,000 linear feet of water and sewer mains and reconstructing almost four miles of streets with curb, gutter and sidewalk installation. Roughly 75% of the City's traditional neighborhood area (pre-1940's era) is subject to redevelopment. The project is unique in both magnitude and design. The two-year project is the largest infrastructure rebuilding program in the City's history. Unfortunately, the removal of many mature and stately street trees was an unavoidable consequence of the change in residential street design and utility installation. Over 100 street trees became casualties of the redevelopment at a cost of \$100,000.

Old Design New Again—"New urbanism" concepts were employed in the redesign of the City's neighborhood streets. New urbanism emphasizes walkable neighborhoods designed for people instead of vehicles. Design features include narrower curbed streets, sidewalks for pedestrians, alleys for cars, porches for people and wider curb-lawns for street trees. Street trees are an integral part of the walkable neighborhood plan. The width of the curb lawn area in most of the city redevelopment area will be a minimum 12 feet between the sidewalk edge and the street curbing.

Street Trees an Integral Design Feature—The neighborhood renovation project presents the opportunity to re-establish the city's urban residential forest. The streetscape design being implemented in the City of Adams will remain intact beyond the next century. The foremost re-planting goal will be establishing sustainable and healthy trees that will endure and thrive through the pending decades. A successful street tree restoration campaign will become the feature attraction of our revitalized, walkable residential community for generations to come.

Village of Albany

2-YEAR PARTICIPANT • GROWTH AWARD '96

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2005 was again a busy year for a small band of volunteers in Albany. We started out with our spring workday by clearing a large area of invasive species along the edge of our Albany-Ryhner Community Forest. A small group of five spent most of a Saturday clearing a large area that has long been a problem and now provides a better environment for the remaining species to flourish. Later in the year, we gave up another Saturday to attack an infestation of garlic mustard that was attempting to gain a foothold in the forest.

Arbor Day started with the 4th graders helping to plant a new Cimmarron Ash and the entire elementary school pitching in! All 200+ students gathered at the local park to learn how to properly plant a new tree. The fourth graders each received a seedling to plant at home. Next year may be even bigger!



Village of Albany

City of Algoma

5-YEAR PARTICIPANT • GROWTH AWARD '02, '03, '04, '05

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The City of Algoma continues to be a quality Tree City USA. In 2004, the city started an educational site at the Algoma High School giving students a hands-on lesson in planting, pruning and tree care. Sixty-five trees of different types were started, including some fruit trees. The area was mapped out

2005 PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

and the trees will be tagged or marked for walk-through educational purposes. Algoma has also started a Memorial Tree Program. Residents may purchase a tree through the city in honor of, in memory of or donated by. Leaves are placed on a memorial tree with names, dates, and the category for which it was purchased. The tree is located in City Hall for all to view. The annual Arbor Day celebration includes a tree planting and a workshop that covers tree care. The program is open to the public.



Village of Algoma

Village of Allouez

10-YEAR PARTICIPANT • GROWTH AWARD '02

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The Village of Allouez has beautiful tree-lined streets, superb parks, and is home to Heritage Hill State Park. The year 2005 brought with it much excitement. The village acquired a 28 acre parcel of land to be used as a park. Seventy trees were planted in this new park; a portion of which were planted in a nursery. The village can then transplant them to other areas as needed.

Village of Amherst

9-YEAR PARTICIPANT • GROWTH AWARD '98, '99, '00, '01, '03, '04

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The village continues its strong commitment to our community forestry program through the dedication of a very active Tree Board. Street trees continue to be planted on a regular basis; an annual hazardous tree inventory was completed, with action taken on trees needing attention; the tree nursery received continuing maintenance and provided trees for street tree planting and donations to the Portage County Parks Department. A very satisfying project involved rescuing a

number of cedar trees, which were scheduled to be bulldozed in a road construction project, moving them to a main thoroughfare within the village. Amherst has been struggling with oak wilt and has con-



Village of Amherst

tacted property owners to provide educational information, considered options for disease control and submitted an informational article on oak wilt to the community newspaper. 2005 has also seen the culmination of a two year project to provide erosion control in the Tomorrow River, which runs through our village park. Beautification and tree planting also occurred along this part of the river.

City of Antigo

13-YEAR PARTICIPANT • GROWTH AWARD '99, '05

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The City of Antigo recognizes that trees provide countless benefits that significantly improve the quality of urban life. In 2005, the City renewed its commitment to its urban forest by contracting a consultant to conduct a comprehensive GIS based tree inventory for our rights-of-way, alleys, parks and cemeteries. Through the inventory specific and prioritized recommendations were made for managing our urban forest for the next five years and beyond based on available resources and needs.

City of Appleton

22-YEAR PARTICIPANT • GROWTH AWARD '92, '94, '95, '96, '97, '98, '99 '00, '01, '02, '03, '04

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The Forestry Division of the City of Appleton Parks and Recreation Department completed many goals on 2005. Tree maintenance, especially young trees, continued to be a priority with over 4000 trees being pruned in 2005. The cooperation with the Department of Public Works continued, effectively utilizing City of Appleton staff throughout the winter months. Tree planting included the installation of 120 trees along a main thoroughfare that previously did not have any trees. Volunteer groups assisted the staff in the continued effort to

reduce the population of Buckthorn on City of Appleton property. Gypsy moth populations were held below nuisance levels with concerted monitoring and oiling efforts. The staff of arborists earned recertification through the International Society of Arboriculture.



City of Appleton

City of Ashland

3-YEAR PARTICIPANT • GROWTH AWARD '04, '05

Through financial assistance from a Wisconsin Urban Forestry Grant, in 2005 the City of Ashland completed several key components of its Urban Forestry Management Plan. Below are some of the components that were worked on this year.

1. Removed 120 trees from the public right of way and parks, these trees had existing condition or defect that made them more susceptible to storm damage that could result in damage to personal property or injury.
2. Planted 150 trees, some of which were planted to replace trees that were removed and others were planted to fill vacant sites.
3. Contracted with a certified arborist to prune trees removing hazardous conditions and improving the health of these trees.
4. Produced a tree planting and care brochure for public distribution.



City of Ashland

Village of Ashwaubenon

13-YEAR PARTICIPANT • GROWTH AWARD '95, '97, '98, '99, '00, '01, '02, '03, '05

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The Village of Ashwaubenon's Urban Forestry program continues to seek efficient means to balance the needs of maintaining our existing urban forest while addressing the financial constraints and challenges of shrinking budgets. Shortening our pruning cycle and improving the condition and safety of Ashwaubenon's urban forest continue to be a primary objective of our tree maintenance program. With assistance from a DNR Urban Forestry Grant, staff contracted pruning services from a local private company to supplement the work already being done in-house by Village staff. 1776 trees were pruned, 158 trees were planted and 162 trees were removed.

In 2005, our Arboricultural Specifications Manual underwent revision to bring this document up to date with our current practices. It brought together, in a single document, the many policies and procedures used daily in our forestry operations. Appendices included updated species list recommendations for street tree plantings. Ashwaubenon's forestry program is continuously looking to the future to address the challenges ahead by building on the successes of the past.



Village of Ashwaubenon

2005 PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

City of Baraboo

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City of Baraboo

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City of Beaver Dam

Village of Bellevue

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City of Beloit

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The City of Bloomer has been an official Tree City Award winner for 20 straight years—a fact we are very proud of in the city. We have been active in boulevard tree replacement since our city was first established.

A point of interest: This past summer, we removed a huge tree from a boulevard. The tree was planted in the 1890s. The stump was 72" across at the widest and 64" across at the narrowest!



City of Bloomer

City of Brillion

6-YEAR PARTICIPANT

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In 2005, the City of Brillion continued its annual tradition of celebrating Arbor Day with the public and the 5th grade class at Brillion Public School. The celebration began with a presentation of the history of Arbor Day and the importance of trees. The Mayor of Brillion also presented a proclamation to the students along with explanations of several ordinances to protect trees in the community. A question and answer session followed. After the presentation, the 5th grade students assisted in the planting of a new tree in one of the city's parks. Each student brought a handful of dirt from their home to help plant the new tree.



City of Brillion

City of Brookfield

8-YEAR PARTICIPANT • GROWTH AWARD '99

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Besides moving toward completion of the City's first formal pruning cycle and annual dead/hazardous tree removals, an interesting project coordinated with the Engineering division provided a success story in 2005. The widening of a major arterial street (Calhoun Road) required the moving or removal of all landscaping located in the median. Even with the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department involved early with the planning of the project the pavement and grade changes would not allow the current trees to survive. A local nursery digging contractor was hired to "harvest" the trees, balled and burlapped, before bud break in the spring. This allowed a cost effective approach to dig larger root balls for the large caliper

(4-5") trees. Using the recently completed city wide median plant life inventory as a guide, the City's Forestation Committee approved the next phase of planting initiatives utilizing the trees harvested from the project. Additional new trees and landscaping have been included in the cost of the road reconstruction and planting should start in the Fall of 2006.

Watering trees due to the droughty conditions in southeast Wisconsin was also a priority. Invasive species control continued with the community's first formal "Weed Out" event.



City of Brookfield

Village of Brown Deer

9-YEAR PARTICIPANT • GROWTH AWARD '98

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Village of Brown Deer

Village of Cambridge

2-YEAR PARTICIPANT

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The Village received Urban Forestry Grant awards from the State Department of Natural Resources in 2003, 2004 and 2005 to help Cambridge achieve a well-managed urban forest for the future, alleviate citizen and safety concerns, and beautify a village already known for its beautifully landscaped homes. To date, Cambridge has accomplished the following:

- Retained the services of a professional arborist as an advisor, Bluestem Forestry.
- Planted 61 trees throughout the village in newly developed areas and along Main Street/ Highway 12 and Simonsen Street to replace large, old-growth trees removed during major street reconstruction projects in 2004.
- Created a Tree Board for program oversight and passed an updated tree ordinance.
- Completed a terrace tree inventory and tree management plan.
- The inventory of 574 terrace and public park trees found that ten percent of Cambridge's tree population was in need of immediate treatment; therefore to date 48 high-risk trees were removed; two additional stumps removed and 25 trees pruned. It is the village's intention to replace removed trees with new plantings in spring 2006.
- Created a new "memorial tree program" to plant trees in park areas. In 2005, families of James Smith and Stacey Sperbeck planted long-living, stately bur oak trees in Veteran's Park.

Village of Cambridge



City of Cedarburg

16-YEAR PARTICIPANT • GROWTH AWARD '95, '96, '99, '01, '02, '03, '05

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- December 13th, 2005 (after the Tree City app. was due) – Revised City ordinance regulating the pruning of trees and shrubs. Revisions included changing the section title from "Trimming" to "Pruning"; removed wording listing specific height clearances over roads and sidewalks so that the City Forester will determine the proper height clearances; added a subsection regarding Lights and Signs; empowered City crews to prune any tree or shrub on private property that is in violation of the ordinance, if an immediate hazard exists.
- Received a DNR Urban Forestry Grant for \$11,712.50 to Replace Storm Damaged Trees and Conduct a Computerized Street Tree Inventory.
- Hired an Urban Forestry Intern from UW-Stevens Point to conduct street tree inventory.
- Celebrated Arbor Day with the West Lawn Elementary 4th graders by planting a Commemoration Sugar Maple on the street in front of their school.
- Purchased a new brush chipper to replace old one.
- Installed new annual flower bed at community pool.
- DPW crew planted 146 street trees (103 B&B, 43 bare root), work that was contracted out in prior years.
- Planted 18 Princeton American Elm, four in the downtown area.
- Rented a "squirt lift" to assist with tree pruning and received approval to purchase a used one in 2006. (see photo)



City of Cedarburg

Village of Chenequa

18-YEAR PARTICIPANT

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Our highlight is somewhat unusual, especially where the Tree City USA Program is concerned. The Village of Chenequa is in a rapidly urbanizing area of Waukesha County. The land values are sky-rocketing and woodlands are disappearing to development.

A private property owner recently enrolled their woods into the Managed Forest Law (MFL) program as a way to keep their woods healthy and undeveloped. Under the guidelines of this program, trees were marked and logged after an extensive effort to remove the Buckthorn understory. The objective was to restore the woods and increase oak regeneration.

Oak forests require disturbance, such as fire or cutting to open the canopy. In the added sunlight, acorns from the remaining trees germinate and begin a new oak forest.

This activity has caused many questions and has given us the chance to educate the public on forest management. Admittedly, the area has lost many of the large older trees, but the end result will be a new forest of oaks, cherry, and hickory.

City of Chilton

12-YEAR PARTICIPANT • GROWTH AWARD '95, '96, '97, '99, '00, '01, '02, '03, '04

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The City of Chilton Tree Board saw a significant increase in the number of residents purchasing memorial trees for planting in our six parks and cemetery throughout the city. We also are continuing pruning in these parks on a regularly scheduled 5-year rotation plan. It is the goal of the tree board to expand the city's Arbor Day Program past the usual proclamation and tree planting activities.

City of Chippewa Falls

24-YEAR PARTICIPANT • GROWTH AWARD '04

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Village of Clinton

3-YEAR PARTICIPANT • GROWTH AWARD '04, '05

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Clinton's forestry program realized four significant achievements during 2005. First, forestry officials planned, coordinated and successfully implemented the first ever removal of ten 'at risk' trees from residential terraces. This action included the first ever agreement by tree owners to reimburse the village for 1/3 the removal costs. Previously, the village had fully funded such removals.

Secondly, forestry officials developed a partnership with the Clinton High School principal to plant a memorial linden tree with an inscribed plaque honoring Spec. Justin W. Linden who was lost in Iraq in June, '04. This planting was the centerpiece of a special Arbor Day program presented at the high school and attended by the Linden family and the public. The planting was made increasingly significant due to the simultaneous dedication of the school's "Walk of Honor" where this tree was and future trees are to continue to be planted to appropriately honor deserving alumni and staff members.

Thirdly, volunteer village forestry officials planned, coordinated and completed an update to the village's 2002 Comprehensive Community Urban Forestry Plan. By completing the plan ourselves, the Village of Clinton saved an estimated \$1,500.

Lastly, a member of the Department of Public Works volunteered to attend a qualified forestry course. This initial training will hopefully be the start of all DPW employees receiving training to become more involved in the village's forestry activities.



Village of Clinton

City of Clintonville

16-YEAR PARTICIPANT

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2005 PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Village of Combined Locks

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Combined Locks is a beautiful village with tree-lined streets, parks with numerous trees, and ravine properties with conservancy areas. In 2005, 30 trees were replaced and 90 new trees were planted within the street right-of-way. The new trees will be a brilliant array of colors each fall and a welcome addition to the new subdivision in which they are planted. The Village of Combined Locks received an Award of Excellence from the Wisconsin Parks and Recreation Association for its redevelopment of Memorial Park. Tree planting and landscaping were two of the reasons the award was received. The Village Board of Combined Locks has also been very involved with keeping ravine properties as natural as possible. A zoning classification of conservancy for these properties is proof. This zoning allows people to build homes with great views of trees and creek, but prohibits them from placing structures within the conservancy boundaries, leaving the area as natural as possible.

Village of Cottage Grove

10-YEAR PARTICIPANT

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The Village of Cottage Grove has made great progress this past year with our urban forestry program. We have recently completed our street and park tree inventory with the help of a DNR Urban Forestry grant. The Interstate Commerce Park is currently under construction with great emphasis on tree planting and landscaping. Northlawn and Southlawn Parks have had shade trees planted this fall for park users to enjoy. Public Works has done a great job planting street trees, expanding the street pruning program, and performing hazard tree removals.

Village of Cottage Grove



City of Cudahy

17-YEAR PARTICIPANT

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2005 was an exciting year for the City of Cudahy forestry program. A total of 279 street trees were planted. Forty beautiful trees were planted on Packard Avenue in downtown, completing a decade long project of reforesting our main street. The city continued to prune 56 miles of streets trimming 679 trees. Unfortunately 139 trees were lost for various reasons. Contractors, working with city planners planted many trees on new commercial property helping Cudahy maintain its urban forest.

An Arbor Day celebration took place at the Cudahy Family Library with residents and local dignitaries. Cudahy continued its tradition of planting a tree honoring a local resident. Cudahy Lions club donated 350 white pines transplants, which were distributed to Arbor Day participants.



City of Cudahy

Village of DeForest

1-YEAR PARTICIPANT

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It took me all year, but when the Village Board of Trustees approved the Urban Forestry Ordinance on December 19, 2005, a slight rush of satisfaction and relief came over me. I began as the Public Works & Parks Coordinator for the Village on January 10, 2005. One of the first issues our board member/citizen Parks, Recreation & Natural Resources Committee raised with me was Tree City USA. The task was clear, DeForest has wanted to be a "Tree City USA" for some time – and the time was now to finally achieve it.

I took that as a challenge – among the many I would face in my first year on the job. The foundation already was in place: we had budgeted sufficient funds for forestry projects, we had a DNR Urban Forestry Grant, and we were about to embark on a large-scale tree planting project around the Village in the spring. The funding requirement would be no problem. We still needed an Arbor Day event. We still needed a Tree Board. And, we still needed a Forestry Ordinance.

The Arbor Day Event turned into 3 Arbor Day Events with children from Yahara Elementary School in DeForest. I researched information on the history of Arbor Day, and also found some good material on the reasons to plant, maintain and protect trees. It was a learning process for me, and I hope it was for the kids as well. Thank you Kindergarteners and 2nd Graders for a great experience and for your part in securing the Tree City USA for your hometown!

The Forestry Grant required a fall assessment of the trees that needed removal and began soliciting bids for the work. The second component of our grant program was educating our crew on proper tree trimming and pruning, as this activity would be called out in the future Forestry Ordinance. That training was done by a contracted arborist from Minnesota, who came to DeForest for two days of instruction.

In November, I had one of those panic attacks when the thought Tree City USA popped in my head one day. After realizing I had about a month and a half to still complete the ordinance, get approvals from the Parks Committee and Village Board, I knew I needed to get cracking! Needless to say, the final drafting and approvals were smooth and everything was done in the nick of time. As I type this essay recounting this activity, it has allowed me to reflect on a number of projects and experiences that I encountered during my first year. The Tree City USA process and attained goal was certainly one of the most rewarding of those experiences. I look forward to the coming banquet and will never pass an opportunity to promote DeForest as one of the newest Tree City USA's in the State of Wisconsin!

City of Delafield

9-YEAR PARTICIPANT

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City of Delafield's 2005 Urban Forestry Highlights:

- Awarded a DNR Urban Forestry Grant for 2005
- Continue to update the risk assessment survey and have identified, corrected or removed "hazardous" trees.
- Training pruned our young downtown trees. Managed and assessed the downtown trees/planters according to an action plan developed in 2004.
- Celebrated Arbor Day and planted a 2" Autumn Blaze maple in Fireman's park.

- City staff participated in Wisconsin Arborist Association/ Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources educational seminars and conferences.
- Using our park inventory we identified and prioritized a need for tree planting in four separate parks.

City of Delavan

16-YEAR PARTICIPANT

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Village of Denmark

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The Village of Denmark has been a Tree City USA since 2002. It has an established tree board and an urban forestry inventory and management plan. The inventory is contained on a tree inventory software program that is updated annually.

In 2004, the village was honored to receive the "Innovations in Urban Forestry Award" for its Three Miracles/7000 Oaks Earth Art Exhibit on Pleasant Avenue. The area contains 100 flowering crab trees, three oaks, and three large symbolic stones. This area is a spectacular entrance into the community when the trees are in bloom.

The Village of Denmark created its own tree nursery in 2005. It teamed up with Brown County to purchase 9000 stock trees. The village president, employees and citizens planted the trees. A special dedication occurred here as part of our Arbor Day Celebration. The nursery trees will be transplanted to other village areas as needed.

Denmark also began a tree-planting program within a new park. It also has a rain garden, butterfly garden, children's garden, several perennial gardens plus a small pond. This area will eventually serve as a public demonstration area for storm water management and urban forestry management techniques.

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City of De Pere

10-YEAR PARTICIPANT • GROWTH AWARD '00, '01, '02, '03, '04, '05

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In 2005 the City of De Pere Forestry Department finished reviewing and revising our ordinances. The revised ordinances also added a new *Arboricultural Specifications Manual* to serve as a standard for the planting and maintenance of public trees and will apply whether City employees, private contractors or private individuals perform work. It will also incorporate an updated permit system for work on City property, and it will outline desirable and undesirable trees.

This year, we again aerial sprayed for gypsy moth. This has become a yearly event in De Pere with alternating locations needing control help. We have also gotten some valuable help from volunteers and homeowners alike to install and check burlap.

Arbor Day included 3 separate celebrations with 1st & 2nd graders and high school students. All the students learned how to properly plant trees with the little ones also enjoying a book called *The Giving Tree*.



City of De Pere

City of Dodgeville

13-YEAR PARTICIPANT • GROWTH AWARD '94, '95, '96, '98, '99, '00

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Village of Dresser

3-YEAR PARTICIPANT

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City of Eau Claire

27-YEAR PARTICIPANT • GROWTH AWARD '92, '05

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2005 proved to be a very busy year with the City of Eau Claire Forestry Department. On February 14th, the new city forester, Todd Chwala, was hired after Rod Schmidt's retirement. Rod had been the city forester for the past 30 years.

The vacant arborist position was reclassified to Arborist I. The requirements for this position included rope-and-harness climbing skills. Lucas Mahal was hired to fill the Arborist I position on July 1st. The forestry crew can now be balanced with four climbers.

In August, City Forester Todd Chwala attended the ISA conference in Nashville, TN, with the assistance of an Urban Forestry Grant.

On July 23rd, a storm caused considerable tree damage in certain areas of the city. Forestry crews spent approximately four weeks removing damaged public trees and cleaning up brush at curbside for residents who had suffered storm damage.



City of Eau Claire

Village of Edgar

10-YEAR PARTICIPANT

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The Edgar community historically values its trees. The community conscience is consistent and pervasive in its demand that trees in the community be attended to. This consistency precludes the necessity for program extremes. The past year's success is simply that we have continued a solid community based and supported tree care program.

Village of Elkhart Lake

7-YEAR PARTICIPANT • GROWTH AWARD '00, '02

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The Tree Commission of the Village of Elkhart Lake accomplished a number of things in 2005. We held our annual Arbor Day Program which involved the 4th and 5th grade students at which we awarded savings bonds to the first and second place local Arbor Day Poster Contest winners, planted a Katsura Tree and awarded the prestigious tree award to a blue spruce tree. The Commission also donated a copy of *Diseases of Trees and Shrubs* by Wayne A. Sinclair, Howard H. Lyon and Warren T. Johnson and a copy of *Insects That Feed on Trees and Shrubs* by Warren T. Johnson and Howard H. Lyon to the Elkhart Lake Public Library as part of this program.

The Tree Commission hired two local high school students who had skills in identifying trees and plants, to do a photographic inventory for all the street and park trees. This was about an eight week project.

City of Elkhorn

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Village of Elm Grove

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The Village of Elm Grove experienced a relatively quiet 2005. We started out with an invasive species seminar with the help of the UW Extension and Kristin Kleeberger. Arbor Day with the Girl Scouts turned into a great afternoon event. Our outbreaks of Dutch elm disease were average, but the response time to remove the diseased trees was exceptional by both the Village personnel and residents. All the fliers on sanitation must be working. Planting was kept to a minimum for the lack of a good method of watering new trees, but this will change for 2006 with the addition of a water tank on a new trailer; thanks Highway Department.

The most exciting news of all is a Village-wide inventory of all street trees. Now everything will be on computer with planting

sites overlaid with sewer pipes so no tree will be planted in the wrong spot. When a removal occurs we now have a location to plant. We will also know where our pruning needs are greatest, to efficiently use our man-power. Thanks, Wachtel Tree Service and John Gall. Our goal, as always, is to keep a safe and diverse urban forest.

City of Evansville

5-YEAR PARTICIPANT • GROWTH AWARD '05

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City of Evansville

City of Fitchburg

9-YEAR PARTICIPANT • GROWTH AWARD '98, '99, '04, '05

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Fitchburg continues to manage its urban forest by maintaining healthy trees and forests, minimizing the risk of injury and property damage and maximizing the benefits that the urban forest provides to the community and its citizens.

More than 400 trees were planted on street terraces and in parks in 2005 and more than 200 trees were pruned. The City initiated its first forest and woodlot restoration and conservation project at Nobel Woods, a 4 acre park situated near the City Hall. Restoration efforts will include removal and management of invasive and weedy species and underseeding with native understory plants and trees.

The City celebrated Arbor Day by planting 6 trees with Cub Scout Pack 26 at Nannyberry Park and 9 trees with neighborhood association volunteers at Byrne Park.

The urban forestry management program officially has been in

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effect for eight years and the City has been awarded Tree City each year.



City of Fitchburg

City of Fond du Lac

18-YEAR PARTICIPANT • GROWTH AWARD '98, '99, '00, '01, '04

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Two highlights stand out for Fond du Lac's forestry program. The first was the 730 new trees that were planted in our new subdivisions and city parks this past fall. It was the second largest planting in ten years. The second highlight was the two straight-line windstorms that hit this summer. The storms damaged many of our trees. It took the forestry crew two months to clean up, removing the damaged branches and trees where necessary. These items in addition to the 2,500 trees that were pruned, the 120 trees that were removed, and the 600 trees that were watered, created a large challenge for the forestry division in 2005.

Village of Fontana

18-YEAR PARTICIPANT • GROWTH AWARD '98, '99

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City of Fort Atkinson

14-YEAR PARTICIPANT • GROWTH AWARD '98, '99, '00, '01, '02, '03, '04

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The City of Fort Atkinson started the year doing tree removals. This year, we removed 69 trees, 62 from the terrace and 7 from

park areas. These trees were dead/dying or severely damaged by storms or accidents.

We celebrated Arbor Day on April 15 with the planting of our first terrace tree of the year. In 2005, we planted 203 terrace trees of which 140 were purchased with an Urban Forestry Grant. The Grant also helped the City plant 82 trees along our new Bike / Pedestrian path. The new Bike / Pedestrian path has generated many compliments from the public and is heavily used. After planting, we spent the next six months watering our trees frequently because of the very dry summer we experienced.

Around the end of September, we began our trimming and pruning of approximately 1,200 terrace trees. This takes us into December when we will identify trees for removal in 2006.



City of Fort Atkinson

Fort McCoy

17-YEAR PARTICIPANT • GROWTH AWARD '93, '94

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Fort McCoy is a 60,000-acre Army installation located in West Central Wisconsin. The increasing age of the urban forest requires ongoing tree and stump removals and new plantings. A landscape plan was developed for a Veterans Commemorative Monument and the military housing area. Both areas had many trees planted during 2005. Plantings were done by moving trees out of wooded areas and buying from a nursery. Trees and shrubs are protected from deer damage with caging that is placed in the fall and removed each spring. There is an increasing awareness of the problems exotic/invasive plants cause so all landscape planting plans are reviewed to limit plant selections to either native or noninvasive plants.

Fort McCoy



Village of Fox Point

17-YEAR PARTICIPANT

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Fox Point is a small community on the shores of Lake Michigan (approximately 1800 acres, 35 miles of roads and 7000 residents) and features streets and boulevards with Village planted trees as well as streets with naturalized landscaping. 2005 was the second year in row with higher than expected losses of Village elm trees to Dutch elm disease (35 in 2004, 32 in 2005, leaving approximately 195 Village elms). Gypsy moth counts, after reaching a peak in 2003, were greatly reduced by a wet spring in 2004 and counts remained very low in 2005. Fox Point forestry continues to get assistance from the Fox Point Foundation, the Fox Point Federated Garden Club (37 years of Arbor Day tree plantings), and a new volunteer group (Indian Creek Stewardship Group) that removes invasive species from the only Village owned natural woods. In 2005, Fox Point planted 51 trees and 15 shrubs and pruned 1/8 of the Village trees (750).

Village of Fox Point



City of Franklin

5-YEAR PARTICIPANT

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In 2005, the City of Franklin realized a record number of curb-side and park tree plantings. Rapid residential growth continues and within the developments 467 trees were planted.

Two City parks were also developed, which included the planting of 102 trees. The Public Works Department staff completed an additional 185 plantings. In total, 754 trees were added to the City's urban forest.

Village of Fredonia

13-YEAR PARTICIPANT

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The most noteworthy accomplishment of the Tree Board in 2005 was the planting of 31 street trees in the Emerald Hills subdivision and 44 street trees in the Stoney Creek Meadows subdivision.

Coupled with 25 new trees in the nursery, 100+ trees at the Mark Montaba Nature Center on Arbor Day, plantings in the Industrial Park and many, many private plantings, the landscape in the Village is looking better all the time.

The Village Board has been supportive of our insistence on curb-side branch chipping and curbside leaf collection, which we believe to be convenience that encourages homeowners to expand the number of plantings in their yards.

The tree lighting ceremony at the "Village Square" was again well attended with 5 large trees and the gazebo fully decorated. This focal point of the community was just a bare lot until the Tree Board helped to facilitate its transformation.



Village of Fredonia

2005 PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Village of Fremont

10-YEAR PARTICIPANT

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The Village of Fremont continues the planting of new trees and shrubs. We also maintain our nature trail which is used by residents and visitors alike. The Fremont Elementary School has a yearly Arbor Day Program celebrated in late April. This year, we plan to continue the planting of trees in our two parks and throughout the community. This past summer we planted a tree in memory of a village resident. The tree was donated by her loving son.



Village of Fremont

Village of Germantown

3-YEAR PARTICIPANT

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Village of Gilman

18-YEAR PARTICIPANT • GROWTH AWARD '02

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The Village planned for and held an Arbor Day Celebration on May 7th, 2005. The Tree Board discussed and acted upon tree purchases of various species for replacement trees and for adding to the urban forest. The Tree Board determined to go forward with a five-year plan for trees in the Village. The plan will include extensive training for the staff who are charged with management of the urban forest. The Tree Board will review, assess and determine needs for tree replacement in an area on 5th Ave North where tornado damage occurred in 2002.

City of Glendale

8-YEAR PARTICIPANT

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Village of Glendale

Village of Grafton

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Town of Grand Chute

2-YEAR PARTICIPANT

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The Town of Grand Chute was energized by its 2004 Tree City USA recognition! The Town continued its commitment to develop its urban forest in 2005 by hosting its third annual Arbor Day celebration. Students from Houdini and Badger Elementary Schools were given instruction on the value of trees in an urban environment, and were later shown how to properly plant trees. Students planted over 30 trees at one of the Town's newest parks.

Our 2006 urban forestry program includes continuing our successful Arbor Day tradition by planting trees in the parkway leading to Prairie Hill Park. We also plan to start a pilot tree farm

program. Saplings will be planted in a reserved area on our Town Hall site. We hope that the saplings will mature and may be transplanted to medians and parks throughout the Town in future years.

City of Green Bay

24-YEAR PARTICIPANT • GROWTH AWARD '91, '92, '93, '94

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In the spring of 2005, the City of Green Bay added the finishing touches to the Lambeau Field Renovation Project by planting 150 trees along Lombardi Avenue. We also completed our tree nursery realignment project. Before the realignment, it took two men with walk-behind rototillers 4-5 days to till our tree nursery. Now, one man using a skid steer tractor with a rototiller attachment can till the nursery in 1 day.



City of Green Bay

Village of Greendale

10-YEAR PARTICIPANT

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The Village of Greendale remains committed to the care and nurturing of our urban forest environment. We will continue to replenish our extensive street tree plantings as well as our many natural woodland areas!

City of Greenfield

12-YEAR PARTICIPANT • GROWTH AWARD '95, '96, '97, '98, '99, '00, '01, '02, '03, '04, '05

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Forestry planted 905 street trees in the past two years, the major portion funded through road projects and by contractors in commercial and subdivision projects. Our Forester is now included in the initial planning process, before construction. Contractors are now required to install tree barriers at the time of erosion control installation.

We completed a new GIS based tree inventory system and secured a staff person for data collection who keeps the inventory current for the nearly 4,000 city street trees.

We established a Hazard Tree assessment and action plan, including training for DPW staff.

We instituted a new program "Trees for Greenfield," offering street trees to property owners which they helped pay for and plant. The "adoptrees" attended a tree planting demo prior to the planting.

The Tree Commission holds our annual Ecology Essay Contest for all 1st graders in Greenfield district schools. We present a \$50 savings certificate to the two top essayists in each of the five 1st grade classes.

Greenfield's Arbor Day has been one of the state's largest for the past 14 years. The volunteer Beautification Committee sponsors the event and citizens buy and plant trees. An elementary school was landscaped on Arbor Day 2004, and this year, a city boulevard, for a total of 56 trees.



City of Greenfield

Town of Greenville

5-YEAR PARTICIPANT • GROWTH AWARD '02, '03, '05

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The Town of Greenville continues to be a fast-growing community with a population of 8130. In 2005, Greenville saw its first planting of street trees. 125 trees were planted along the streets of new subdivisions with curb and gutter. This is the start of a great street tree program that will continue to grow and provide the community with benefits for years to come.

The 2005 program continued to emphasize the importance of educating the public as well as the staff and Urban Forestry Board. The Director of Parks and Forestry became an ISA Certified Arborist, and staff and board members attended the WAA Annual Conference. Our Annual Arbor Day Event was held at the local schools. Greenville's urban forest is not only growing in population but in knowledge.



Town of Greenville

Village of Hales Corners

6-YEAR PARTICIPANT

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In 2005, the Village of Hales Corners undertook a program focusing on several key urban forestry management elements. These elements included the 2005 Arbor Day Celebration, hazard elimination, tree plantings, and education.

The Arbor Day Observance for 2005 consisted of the ceremonial planting of a Common Hackberry (*Celtis occidentalis*) and distribution of 100 seedlings. The seedlings consisted of 50 Kentucky Coffee trees (*Gymnocladus dioica*) and 50 Black Chokeberry trees (*Aronia melanocarpa*). On April 16, 2005, a

small but enthusiastic crowd witnessed the ceremonial planting of the Common Hackberry at Cobb Park, next to one of the Village's historical buildings, the Hale Summer Kitchen. On April 30, 2005, seedlings were dispersed at the Hales Corners Library in conjunction with the annual used book sale. Pamphlets on invasive species awareness, gypsy moths, tree selection, and tree planting were also available during these events.

Dry conditions exerted stress on many of the Oak and Elm trees within the Village. As a result, a contract tree service spent numerous hours pruning and removing trees to eliminate hazardous conditions.

The reconstruction of the West Forest Home Avenue (CTH OO) bridge provided an opportunity to partner with Milwaukee County to add landscaping along this corridor. Five (5) Callery Pear (*Pyrus calleryana*) trees were planted in the median that spans the bridge.

Three (3) median plantings beds located in South 108th Street (STH 100/USH 45) and West Forest Home Avenue were converted from annual to perennial plantings. The Village also replaced a total of nine (9) damaged or dead trees within the medians of South 108th Street (STH 100/USH 45) and around Village Hall. The variety of trees included Ivory Silk Japanese Tree Lilac (*Syringa reticulata*), Princeton Sentry Ginkgo (*Ginkgo biloba*), and American Arborvitae (*Thuja occidentalis*).

The Department of Public Works staff attended a seminar on Identification and Eradication of Invasive Species sponsored by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. This information was then shared with the Ecology and Solid Waste Committee, which serves as the local tree board and directs many of the Village's urban forestry efforts.

On an administrative level, the Village Board of Trustees passed an amendment to the Zoning Code that established dimensional, bulk and landscape surface ratios for buildings and uses that are greater than 50,000 square feet. This will enable the Village to increase the number of trees included in new development and redevelopment projects.

City of Hartford

15-YEAR PARTICIPANT • GROWTH AWARD '94, '95, '96, '97

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The City of Hartford remains committed to maintaining and improving its urban forest. The 2005 Arbor Day celebration and planting included local cub scouts, parents, mayor and City staff who planted three park trees. Inviting a local scout troop to plant the trees has become an annual tradition. We include instruction and educational handouts on the proper way to plant. Another tradition has been a cooperative City and

Hartford Rotary Arbor Day tree planting. In 2005, there were 65 street trees planted for residents who registered for this tree planting service. The City continues its requirement that developers must include the planting of trees in the street right-of-ways for new subdivisions. Hartford Electric Utility hosted a tree-pruning workshop that was also attended by the Parks and Streets staff. Finally, a rejuvenated Garden Club has not only been active in beautification projects, but included tree plantings in some of the public project areas.



City of Hartford

City of Hillsboro

13-YEAR PARTICIPANT • GROWTH AWARD '94, '95, '96, '97, '98, '99

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The Hillsboro City Council authorized work on two major forestry projects in 2005. The forestry department, in conjunction with the 8th grade leadership group, planted a dozen additional Heritage Trees in the newly created Hammer-Klopfleisch Park. The city also worked on an entrance sign beautification project with Towne and Country Nursery in which several arborvitae and flowering trees were planted to enhance appearance of the signs along the three major highways entering the city.

Village of Hobart

7-YEAR PARTICIPANT

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Hobart continues to run a successful gypsy moth aerial spraying program with nearly unanimous support from the community. Tree and shrub plantings are planned for the proposed Hobart Veteran's Memorial located in Four Season's Park.

A Tree Tribute program encourages the purchase of trees as a means of gifting our paying tribute to individuals, groups or occasions. Our 5-year Urban Forestry Management Plan was updated. The Urban Forestry and Parks Committees combined to improve coordination of planning, maintenance and construction activities.

City of Horicon

19-YEAR PARTICIPANT • GROWTH AWARD '94, '01

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In 2005, Horicon held its annual Arbor Day Celebration, provided educational information in the local newspaper and continued to implement and review the local forest policy that will enhance the community forest. Budget restraints did not provide funds for new tree plantings this year.

Village of Howard

14-YEAR PARTICIPANT • GROWTH AWARD '96, '97, '98, '99, '00, '02, '04

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In 2005 we continued our high intensity street tree planting operations within our new subdivisions. As one of the fastest growing communities in Wisconsin, we are planting around 500 trees annually. With ever scrutinized budgets, our subdivision tree planting program is well funded via a charge to the developers used exclusively for tree planting within those subdivisions.

For the second consecutive year, Howard participated in a joint Wisconsin DNR Urban Forestry Grant with several other communities in northeast Wisconsin. In 2005 we participated in computerized tree inventory training using ESRI's ArcGIS along with PDAs and ArcPAD software. Once all of the information is learned and absorbed, this is a very cost effective and time saving method of managing our street and park tree populations.



Village of Howard

2005 PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Village of Jackson

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City of Janesville

2-YEAR PARTICIPANT

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The City of Janesville and the Janesville Shade Tree Advisory Committee have provided many contributions and successes in urban forestry programming in 2005. Our first Tree City Award was accepted by City Council members at our Arbor Day celebration. Our Arbor Day celebration included planting an overcup oak from the Lincoln farmstead in Kentucky and a flowering dogwood at the Tallman House, a location visited by Lincoln in 1859 and now a city museum. We installed the first Tree City sign and provided a backdrop of an arborvitae for the sign. Other major programs included saving 9, 6-8" honeylocust while constructing a new Police Services Building by moving the trees off-site and then back to the landscape; \$14,550 for 175 new trees around our landfill; over 3000 seedlings planted with volunteers in natural areas throughout the city and over \$11,000 in greenbelt clearing in areas that will be replanted in 2006. On October 22, 2005, J-STAC, in conjunction with several other agencies and citizen groups, sponsored our First Annual ArborFest at Riverside Park in Janesville. Attendance was low; however, we had an excellent beginning and are hopeful for a continuing educational and entertaining event in the future. J-STAC received a grant of \$2,500 for advertising the event from the Janesville Area Visitors and Convention Bureau. ArborFest 2006 is scheduled for October 14.



City of Janesville

City of Jefferson

12-YEAR PARTICIPANT • GROWTH AWARD '93, '00, '01, '02

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As we embark on our 12th year of receiving the Tree City USA award, the community is continuing its support of our urban forest program. Our Tribute Tree program continues to grow yearly with 4 new trees being planted in 2005. We have increased our number of trainings and prunings to maintain the health of our urban forest. We have continued to have a good working relationship with outside contractors to remove and prune our larger trees.

We are working with our Engineering Department to minimize the construction damage to trees during road projects.



City of Jefferson

Village of Johnson Creek

1-YEAR PARTICIPANT

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In 2005 the Village of Johnson Creek successfully planted 42 street trees in various locations throughout the community and 64 trees in the recently redeveloped Veterans Park. The green Committee also planned and conducted a clean up of the Johnson Creek shoreline on April 23rd in celebration of Arbor Day. Additionally, this was the first year the Village applied for a Wisconsin DNR Urban Forestry grant to develop a street tree inventory and to train staff on tree planting and maintenance.

City of Kaukauna

13-YEAR PARTICIPANT

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City of Kenosha

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City of Kewaunee

4-YEAR PARTICIPANT

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In 2005, the City of Kewaunee was able to expand its urban forestry program by the planting of 24 trees at a newly developed City Arboretum at the site of the city's elevated water storage tank. This site will contain native Wisconsin species and will become a future environmental-educational resource for the city. The city's street tree program continued to be implemented with the removal of dying or dangerous trees and replacing them with species more adaptable to the site. A blue spruce was transplanted to a new location at Harbor Park to be decorated during the holiday season: therefore, saving a tree from being cut each year for this purpose.



City of Kewaunee

Village of Kimberly

18-YEAR PARTICIPANT • GROWTH AWARD '92, '99

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In 2005, the Village of Kimberly maintained an aggressive Urban Forestry Program, which involved tree planting, removal, pruning and brush pick-up. The forestry activities also included updating our tree inventory and our Urban Forestry Management Plan. We continued with our street-tree planting program (104 trees) in areas such as the 3rd addition of Highview Estates Subdivision, Triangle Park, and in terraces where trees were previously removed. Storm damaged and dead trees were removed from community terraces. During the fall and winter, an extensive amount of terrace tree pruning was accomplished. Brush was chipped and provided for public usage on a weekly basis throughout the year. Christmas trees were also collected and chipped. The Village of Kimberly conducted an Arbor Day celebration and completed the Tree City USA application in preparation of being recognized for the 18th consecutive year.



Village of Kimberly

City of La Crosse

17-YEAR PARTICIPANT • GROWTH AWARD '94

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The City of La Crosse Forestry Division strives to correctly plant a proper tree in locations throughout the city. Any time we plant trees, we try to get the message out to individuals or the media about the benefits trees provide and how to care for these trees growing in the urban "forest." Our efforts have not gone unnoticed. Every year, individuals and groups donate trees to our Tree Walk located in Myrick Park. This arboretum has over 50 trees with individual signage.

2005 PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

La Crosse Forestry continues to plant trees in the areas where students of our three colleges live. I would appreciate any suggestions on lessening vandalism and increasing the care (adoption) of these trees. Not a highlight yet, but some year I would like it to be.



City of La Crosse

City of Lake Geneva

11-YEAR PARTICIPANT • GROWTH AWARD '99

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Lake Geneva continues with the management of its urban forest. In accordance with its management plan, through October 31, 2005 we pruned over 641 parkway trees, planted 12 park trees, started a nursery with 250 bare root stock acquired from the County, and removed 105 dead or dying parkway trees.

Of importance was the continued management of our urban forest under an experienced tree maintenance employee, Mr. Jim Friend. He is one certification exam short of certified arborist status, and he has 20 plus years of experience working for private tree services including Asplundh. He also continues providing valuable assistance to our Tree Board at their meetings, and his enthusiasm for the job continues to be a major reason why our community's trees are so well maintained.

City of Lake Mills

14-YEAR PARTICIPANT • GROWTH AWARD '93, '94, '95, '96, '97

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Town of Lawrence

6-YEAR PARTICIPANT

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To Town of Lawrence continues to work towards educating out residents and Urban Forestry/Park Board members. This year, Urban Forestry/Park Board member Jesse Zastrow attended the annual WAA/DNR Urban Forestry Conference and the Invasive Plant ID Control Workshop hosted by the DNR. We continue to submit information in our Town newsletter in reference to urban forestry issues such as proper tree planting techniques. Lost Dauphin Park was our primary focus this year and received extensive work including weed control, tree removal, tree planting, and trail maintenance. During our 2005 Arbor Day Celebration, we planted two trees at Lost Dauphin Park and one at the Town Hall with approximately five residents gathering for the celebration.

Our goal for 2006 is to implement a diverse population of native and ornamental tree species at Quarry Park. Also included would be future training and educational seminars for urban forestry board members and municipal staff. This training and education would aid in risk tree removal and safety pruning of the current tree population. Urban Forestry/Park Board member, Jesse Zastrow will be working towards becoming a certified arborist with the additional training and education he receives.

Village of Little Chute

12-YEAR PARTICIPANT

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In 2005, the Village of Little Chute planted 75 trees throughout our parks and street terraces. We continue to better educate residents about gypsy moth populations and control methods. We have also successfully developed an annual terrace tree trimming rotation. This year, the Village of Little Chute has approved to conduct a park tree inventory, analysis, and management plan for a 28-acre wooded park along the Fox River.



Village of Little Chute

City of Lodi

12-YEAR PARTICIPANT • GROWTH AWARD '95, '96, '97, '98, '99, '01, '02

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City of Madison

17-YEAR PARTICIPANT • GROWTH AWARD '92, '93, '94, '96, '99

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In 2005, the City of Madison:

- Planted 1,513 Trees throughout Madison.
- Received a \$25,000 matching Grant from the DNR to replace 442 street trees from the 2004 tornado area.
- Processed over 4,000 service request for the Citizens of Madison.
- Held Arbor Day events at 3 different elementary schools.



City of Madison

Town of Madison

12-YEAR PARTICIPANT

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The Town held two tree planting ceremonies in 2005; one on April 30, to honor a deceased Tree Council member and one on June 25 during a park re-dedication, to honor a current Tree Council member for extraordinary service.



Town of Madison

City of Manitowoc

23-YEAR PARTICIPANT * GROWTH AWARD '00

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Manitowoc continues to improve their street and park tree inventories. The city is planting over 200 trees per year in their Street Tree Planting Program. Our Arbor Day Celebration includes input from the Manitowoc Public School, the Izaak Walton League, area residents, city and elected officials, and a wide variety of other agencies. Currently, the Municipal Tree Commission is working with the Manitowoc Downtown Business Association to provide creative ways to plant trees next to area businesses, thus beautifying the downtown area.

Village of Maple Bluff

4-YEAR PARTICIPANT

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City of Marinette

14-YEAR PARTICIPANT • GROWTH AWARD '93, '94, '95, '96, '97, '98, '99, '00, '01, '02, '03, '04, '05

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2005 PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

City of Marion

5-YEAR PARTICIPANT

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Village of Marshall

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City of Marshfield

24-YEAR PARTICIPANT • GROWTH AWARD '93, '96

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In 2005 the City of Marshfield had to make some tough budget reduction decisions as it related to its overall budgets. Unfortunately one item that was removed was the funding for new tree plantings. This was not a large ticket item, but it did set back our planned planting schedule. Even though funding for new plantings was removed, our requested funding for tree maintenance remained intact; this allowed us to continue our proactive approach to our tree infrastructure. On a yearly basis we need to deal with the improper trimming techniques of our predecessors in certain areas of the City. This is mainly due to "topping" of trees in the 70's." Our program is designed to allow us to visually inspect and trim, if needed, each tree in our inventory every four years, or sooner if needed as mentioned above. Our City fathers have had to make some tough budget decisions as it relates to the overall operation of the City, but they see the need to continue a strong tree maintenance program.



City of Marshfield

City of Medford

17-YEAR PARTICIPANT • GROWTH AWARD '92, '93, '94, '95

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The City planted 15 park trees, pruned 600 trees and removed eight.



City of Medford

City of Menasha

23-YEAR PARTICIPANT • GROWTH AWARD '92, '01

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The Park Department planted eighty-five trees along its street right-of-ways and park system. Through a generous anonymous donation, the City was able to contract the planting of eighteen mature trees of various species in two of the parks. The Park Department has been utilizing a Palm PC they purchased to collect data for the tree inventory software purchased in 2004. The importance of urban forestry to the City of Menasha was demonstrated by the Common Council during the difficult budget process for the 2006 fiscal year.

Town of Menominee

6-YEAR PARTICIPANT • GROWTH AWARD '05

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The Town of Menominee held its annual Arbor Day celebration on May 4, 2005. Menominee was declared a Tree City USA for the fifth year. The Town/County Forester held an educational session with three third grade classes at the Menominee Indian School District's elementary school in Keshena. Students learned about proper tree planting, important functions and benefits of

trees, and anatomy of tree parts. A crabapple tree was planted in front of the school during the celebration and each child was given their own seedling to plant at home. Throughout the month of May, the forester distributed approximately 1,100 additional seedlings around the community to be planted by individual landowners.

Village of Menomonee Falls

6-YEAR PARTICIPANT

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For the year 2005, the Village of Menomonee Falls Park Department set three goals. These were: to increase the number of trees pruned, to increase the number of trees planted and to remove the trees that were damaged by storms, disease or insects. We were able to prune 336 trees during 2005, which was a large increase over 2004. We also planted more trees in 2005 than we did in 2004. As of November 1, 2005, the Park Department has removed 61 dead/dying trees. An additional 35 trees have been scheduled for removal this winter.

In addition, the Village of Menomonee Falls continues to work on its five-year program to reclaim and restore the natural under story to many of our parklands. Garlic mustard and buckthorn are removed with help from UW Extension and community volunteers.

City of Menomonie

16-YEAR PARTICIPANT • GROWTH AWARD '94, '95, '96, '97

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2005 was another productive year for the City of Menomonie. Over 100 trees were planted throughout the city.

The Urban Forestry Board completed their Heritage Tree Program...documenting/cataloging over 200 special trees. Under the Heritage Tree Program, a memorial tree plaque was developed to honor/memorialize people in the community by dedicating a tree in their name.

Education remained a top priority with the Urban Forestry Board. A spirited Arbor Day celebration was held at Oaklawn Elementary School. Three trees were planted by the students. Over 220 educational pamphlets were distributed in 2005.

The board also stepped out on the legal front and modified the city's landscape ordinance to require more trees and plantings in the developer's landscape plan. The board convinced City Council to give them more authority in declaring restrictions on cutting oaks within the city to better control oak wilt disease.



City of Menomonie

City of Mequon

12-YEAR PARTICIPANT

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City of Merrill

20-YEAR PARTICIPANT

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The City of Merrill Urban Forestry Program was highlighted by a number of accomplishments. First and foremost was the planting of 75 trees in our new "Prairie Trails Park". This 99 acre silent recreation park is part of a WI-DNR Stewardship Grant to restore native habitat to an area that had previously been a flowage and was recently exposed after the removal of a dam. Through donations, memorial, and tree purchases, we have planted over 150 trees in this new park within the past three years.

In 2005, 46 boulevard trees were planted along the streets of Merrill. This was the most boulevard trees planted in any year since the beginning of our Urban Forestry Program. Along with the new plantings, we removed over 50 dead/dying/hazardous trees and pruned over 750. We are slowly, but surely beginning to improve the overall health of our community forest.

City of Middleton

12-YEAR PARTICIPANT • GROWTH AWARD '95, '97, '99, '00, '01, '02

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2005 was anything but normal for Middleton's urban forestry program. We delayed our spring planting until the first week of May, and then did it in snow flurries! June brought two windstorms, the worst in decades, that took out whole trees and left many 'hangers'. The summer drought left us 8-9 inches short of rain, and too dry to plant young trees in October. While the drought was great for crab apples and sycamore trees usually susceptible to fungal diseases, it stressed other trees and favored dieback, two-lined chestnut borers, and losses to Dutch elm disease and oak wilt. Gypsy moths made their first notable appearances, defoliated a few trees, and promise to make 2006 interesting. Through out the year, existing city terrace trees were protected during more than 15 new street projects and construction site developments as a part of the Street Tree Education Program (STEP).

City of Middleton



City of Milwaukee

27-YEAR PARTICIPANT • GROWTH AWARD '02

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The City of Milwaukee completed a boulevard streetscaping project that received "rave reviews" from downtown businesses and residents because of its comprehensive and colorful design, which included a variety of trees, shrubs, perennials and a modest application of annuals to showcase an efficient low-maintenance design strategy. Further, we initiated a Boulevard Study that was inspired by increasing budgetary pressures on city resources. This study is a "strategic" approach to maintaining critical boulevards on landmark and gateway segments with high quality turf, large shade trees, seasonally colorful ornamental trees and shrubs and selected use of perennials.

We participated in and staffed the Mayor's sustainability initiative, the Milwaukee Green Team, that produced a list of recommendations on how to improve Milwaukee's economy, environment and quality of life for all residents.

City of Mineral Point

1-YEAR PARTICIPANT

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In 2005, Mineral Point continued to build on a tradition of respect and concern for city trees.

The city observed its first official Arbor Day on April 20. Mayor Bennett's proclamation reminded us of the significance of our urban forest and encouraged citizens to plant trees as a gift for generations to come. The Tree Committee contributed to the effort by establishing an annual tree planting. Swamp White Oaks (*quercus bicolor*) were offered to the public, and several were planted in city parks. This species, recommended in the city's forestry management plan, was selected for its adaptability.

The Committee put the newly passed tree ordinance into action after an alert business owner observed and halted an unauthorized, private removal of a city tree. While considering the subsequent request for removal, the committee learned that this tree had been planted approximately 30 years ago, as part of a collaborative planting project, after the city had lost many Elm trees. This event also reinforced the Committee's enthusiasm for our newly developed community forestry program.

City of Monona

16-YEAR PARTICIPANT • GROWTH AWARD '92, '94, '99, '01

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City of Middleton

City of Monroe

18-YEAR PARTICIPANT • GROWTH AWARD '91, '92, '93, '94, '95, '99, '00, '02

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In 2005 the City of Monroe continued its terrace tree trimming program. Trees were trimmed to maintain clearance over streets and sidewalks. Trees were also trimmed that blocked street lights, intersections and to remove dead and broken limbs. In 2005 the city also continued its terrace tree removal program. 103 terrace trees were removed that were either dead, diseased or hazardous. In 2005 the city continued its terrace tree planting program by planting 75 trees for homeowners. The homeowners could choose from a variety of trees and could have a terrace tree planted for between \$39.00-\$49.00 depending on the type and size chosen. Since the terrace planting program was started in 1986 over 1500 trees have been planted on city terraces. On May 2, 2005 the city planted the Arbor Day tree at the East School Park with students from St. Victors grade school.

Village of Monticello

13-YEAR PARTICIPANT • GROWTH AWARD '94, '97, '01, '04

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The Village of Monticello's 2005 plan saw the planting of additional terrace trees in residential districts, planting of which was forbidden a few years ago. We continue to be thankful for the hundreds of hours of volunteer labor who take care of mulching over one hundred trees that line our Memory Lane in Montesian Park. A great asset to this community, Montesian gardens and park are a 'must see' for tourists and residents wanting tranquility from their daily activity. Apple Blossom Celebration time is held the second Saturday of May recognizing the work of those that make this community a great place to be.



Village of Monticello

Village of Mount Horeb

9-YEAR PARTICIPANT • GROWTH AWARD '98, '99, '04

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The Village of Mt. Horeb Parks and Forestry Department pruned more than 300 trees, accomplishing its pruning rotation goal and keeping up with its small tree train-pruning. Tree planting was performed by our department in new subdivisions and in conjunction with three road re-construction projects. A total of 168 trees were planted. An Arbor Day celebration was held at Stewart Park in Mt. Horeb. It was a joint venture with the Dane County Tree Board, Dane County Parks Department, the Village of Mt. Horeb and a fifth-grade class from the Mt. Horeb schools.

Our department began herbicide treatments in our new conservation park to help control buckthorn and other invasive species. We are currently working on landscape designs for the 2006 County Highway ID road reconstruction project. Approximately 400 trees will be planted along this main entrance into the Village as well as perennial planting beds and prairie plantings.



Village of Mount Horeb

City of Muskego

7-YEAR PARTICIPANT • GROWTH AWARD '00, '01, '02

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Muskego's Urban Forestry program continued to implement goals and objectives of its adopted plan in 2005. The City completed the first phase of a major boulevard and terrace tree planting on two major arterials. Tree care education was furthered with Muskego hosting a shrub care and selection workshop and sending staff to training, workshops, and conferences. Development of the 140-acre Engel Conservation Area continued as over 1300 seedling trees were planted in a reforestation

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effort, invasive shrubs were removed from existing woodlands, 30 acres of prairie habitat seeded, and plans were finalized to restore wetlands. Routine care of park trees continued, and hazardous trees were identified and removed. Muskego qualified as a Tree City USA for 2005 – its seventh consecutive year receiving this honor.



City of Muskego

City of Neenah

22-YEAR PARTICIPANT • GROWTH AWARD '97

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In 2005, the City of Neenah remained committed to maintaining and improving its urban forestry program. One major step in this was updating the city codes relating to urban forestry. Although this re-codification will not be adopted by the City Council until early 2006, these updated codes will give us better tools to help manage our urban forest and to educate residents on the value of having a strong, healthy and organized urban forestry program.

Through lot sale donations made to the Carpenter Tree Trust, the City of Neenah started planting trees this past fall in the new Nature Trails subdivision. This funding source has allowed us to continue to improve this new subdivision, while not taking resources away from our re-planting efforts in other areas throughout the city.



City of Neenah

City of New Berlin

4-YEAR PARTICIPANT

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The New Berlin Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department was involved with several forestry projects in 2005. The department completed its contract with Wachtel Tree Science and Service to conduct a Street Tree Inventory and develop an Urban Forestry

Management Plan. This project was funded with the assistance of a DNR Urban Forestry Grant. The purpose of the plan is to give the city the foundation for developing a comprehensive urban forestry program and also to prioritize field operations with policies and procedures. In addition, Wachtel's Tree Science and Service were asked to review all city ordinances related to forestry, and to assist staff with development of an Urban Forestry Ordinance. The Management Plan was adopted by the Parks, Recreation & Forestry Commission in June, and the Urban Forestry Ordinance was officially adopted by the Common Council in November 2005. While the department's tree planting budget was limited in 2005 to mostly replacement trees, the department did plant 9 new trees throughout the park system as part of the City's Memorial Tree Program. Since the program's inception in 1996, 107 trees have been planted through memorial tree donations.

Staff training and public education continued to be important points of emphasis in 2005. Seminars and classes were offered through the department on Tree & Shrub Pruning, Lawn Care & Maintenance, Planning Your Perennial Garden, and Home Landscaping. The City's Earth Day Festival was held on April 23rd, with the event co-sponsored with Trees on the Move, a local landscape/nursery firm. Activities for the community included a Tree Planting Ceremony and Arbor Day Proclamation, Educational Booths, a Kite Making Workshop, Recyclable Crafts, Earth Ball Rides, Family Nature Activities with well known Naturalist David Stokes, and more. A special feature in 2005 was the 2nd Annual "Big Tree" Contest where residents submitted entries for the largest Maple in the community.

The New Berlin Parks & Forestry Staff also attended the annual conference, and several seminars and classes on tree care, maintenance and safety sponsored by the Wisconsin Arborists Association (WAA), and the Forest Industry Safety & Training Alliance (FISTA).



City of New Berlin

Village of New Glarus

11-YEAR PARTICIPANT • GROWTH AWARD '97, '98

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We had another very successful Arbor Day Tree Planting event this past spring and we continue to improve our care of the urban forest. Our village employees began pruning young trees in our parks and our contracted tree pruning went well also. We also removed one hazard tree and 6 others that were storm damaged this past summer.



Village of New Glarus

City of New Holstein

4-YEAR PARTICIPANT

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City of New Holstein

City of New London

13-YEAR PARTICIPANT • GROWTH AWARD '97, '98, '99, '00

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The City of New London is proud to be a Tree City USA. We have expanded our Arbor Day Celebrations by collaborating with Mosquito Hill and local schools to offer new activities. One Arbor Day activity is the planting of trees with fifth graders. Approximately 150 children from five different schools planted trees in Hatten Park. In addition, our Parks Crew attended the Wisconsin Arborist Association's Summer Workshop to continue their tree education. The city received a 2005 urban forestry grant with which the Tree Board developed a City Personnel Tree Pruning, Removal and Planting Policy Manual and a nature trail brochure for one of our parks. The 2006 Urban Forestry Grant will give the city an opportunity to continue enhancing our programs, updating our tree inventory, developing a urban forestry management plan and educating city personnel and the community.



City of New London

Village of North Fond du Lac

2-YEAR PARTICIPANT

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City of Oak Creek

6-YEAR PARTICIPANT • GROWTH AWARD '01, '02, '04

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2005 marked our 5th year of Tree City, USA status.

Arbor Day celebrations are beginning to take the form of Arbor Week and good relationship building! Each year we visit most of the grade schools (6) to distribute seedlings and foster awareness of the urban forest. On Arbor Day proper we celebrate with city officials, employees and, often times partner with WE Energies, located in Oak Creek. The Saturday that follows becomes a community service day for forestry volunteers.

As of late 2005, we have begun to use our new record keeping management tool, a GPS/GIS compatible inventory program downloaded to a pocket PC. We are looking forward to our re-inventory results for detailed urban forestry data which will be first used to develop an Urban Forestry Master Plan (made possible, in part, by a 2005 DNR Urban Forestry Grant).

As Oak Creek remains an actively growing city (population expected to double – 30,000 to 60,000 – before full capacity is realized), planting will remain a very high priority for some time into the future. In 2005, we added approximately 600 street, park, boulevard and municipal grounds trees – and we are far behind development.

We have seen a shift in winter work from removals to more pruning hours logged.

We continue a steady involvement in forestry training and community awareness.

Natural area management is beginning to enter our scope of responsibilities as we work with other departments on various environmentally-related projects: slope erosion control, stream bank stabilization, water quality projects, etc. Controlled burning training for our Forestry and Park Maintenance staff is on the forefront.

Village of Oakfield

2-YEAR PARTICIPANT

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The Oakfield Beautification Committee in charge of planting and care of trees for the village proudly accepted the award of Tree City USA for 2004. Another accomplishment in 2005 was the planting of 330 seedlings by Boy Scout Troop 792 at the Oakfield Tree Farm. The tree farm is a cooperative effort involving the village, the beautification committee and the boy scouts.

Trees are planted and maintained by the boy scouts for future transplanting or donation to any surrounding communities in need. The Village of Oakfield is very proud of this endeavor. An application for a DNR urban forestry grant was submitted this year for a 2006 tree-planting project at Village Park and in front of the middle school. Beautification will continue to encourage residents to plant and care for trees on private property and will assist with a tree-planting program at two new subdivisions currently being developed.

City of Oconomowoc

13-YEAR PARTICIPANT

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The City of Oconomowoc's urban forestry department had a successful year in 2005. The year was kicked off with general maintenance of the city's 300+ street and park trees. Overall, the City of Oconomowoc planted 30 new trees in 2005 and removed 22 dead or dying trees.

Forestry staff was sent to various workshops and trainings throughout the year including the Wisconsin Arborist Association conference and emergency management seminars.

Oconomowoc celebrated Arbor Day on April 29th with four hardwood tree plantings in the newly dedicated Lakeridge Park with the Oconomowoc Junior Women's Club. The Junior Women's Club donated a tree for each child born to a member this year. The Evergreen Garden Club also planted numerous trees in celebration of Arbor Day in Hickory Creek Park.



City of Oconomowoc

City of Oconto

7-YEAR PARTICIPANT • GROWTH AWARD '01, '02

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In 2005, the City of Oconto celebrated Arbor Day by receiving its sixth straight Tree City USA Award. City officials raised the Tree City USA flag and Mayor Thomas N. Fulton gave a speech on what it means to be a Tree City USA. Following this celebration, the Forestry Director and Committee went to a local city park and planted 50 trees with the 6th grade class. The city concentrated much of its efforts this year on the planting of park and street trees. We also removed several hazard trees and pruned approximately 100 trees throughout the city.



City of Oconto

City of Onalaska

6-YEAR PARTICIPANT • GROWTH AWARD '01

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The City of Onalaska's 2005 Urban Forestry program included the implementation of a 5-year pruning program, the planting of 100 new trees, and continued routine maintenance on the rest of the urban forest. The pruning program divided the city into 5 sections to be intensively pruned over the next five years (and into the future, as the program continues). The first section we tackled was an older section of the city with many trees. The planting program for this year spread 100 trees out over the streets, parks and cemetery based upon citizen requests and staff priorities. We also took time to address other urban forestry issues that came up during the year. Our city workers take

advantage of citizen questions while they are out, to spread the word about good tree planting and maintenance practices and hand out ISA brochures on different topics, if requested. Arbor Day was also a success this year, and involved activities such as raising the flag, reading the proclamation, and planting trees with Onalaska High School students.

City of Oshkosh

25-YEAR

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Oshkosh received a Tree City USA Award during the Arbor Day Celebration at Menominee Park. Students from Emmeline Cook Elementary School, forestry staff, and representatives from WPS and the DNR planted an Autumn Blaze Maple. Forestry Division Staff planted commemorative trees in the spring and fall as part of a program developed through the Oshkosh Southwest Rotary Environmental Beautification Committee. Street tree stocking continued with two newly developed neighborhoods being planted as part of a community project involving residents. Wildlife plantings along the Sawyer Creek Trail were accomplished through the involvement of University of Wisconsin Oshkosh students and area children. The recently constructed Leach Amphitheater on the Fox River was planted with a variety of tree species. The Forestry Division started an Adopt-a-Flower Bed Program called "Oshkosh Blooms" to facilitate enhancement of the city's popular flower bed program. Over 4500 board feet of lumber were sawn from dead bur oak and white ash park trees which will be sold to woodworkers. The funds will be utilized to plant more street and park trees in the community.



City of Oshkosh

2005 PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Village of Paddock Lake

7-YEAR PARTICIPANT

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Paddock Lake has had an exciting year. We had a road program and are in the process of putting 20 new trees down our median. We also have put 10 new shrubs to protect green space by our municipal fishing pier. We had a wonderful Arbor Day celebration and received a free tree from Ludwig Nursery.



City of Phillips

2-YEAR PARTICIPANT

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Phillips forestry accomplishments for 2005:

- Planted 8 trees
- Removed 16 trees
- Pruned 72 trees
- City public works employees attended a Chain Saw Safety Class



Village of Plover

13-YEAR PARTICIPANT • GROWTH AWARD '94,'96

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The Village spent significant time in 2005 on improvements to our existing tree stands, including trimming and storm damage removal. Landscaping continues to be a major component of the Village's site plan review process, which has been very evident in two major planned commercial developments. One of the developments, Village Park at Plover received a beautification award from Portage County Business Council for its streetscape which includes use of trees, plantings and other amenities. This streetscape in the Village of Plover ROW will be maintained by the owners association under the general supervision of the Village.

City of Plymouth

13-YEAR PARTICIPANT

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Following the management plan prepared by Wachtel Tree Science and Service prepared in 2003, the city crews inspect and trimmed approximately 20 percent of the 7000 trees located along the streets of the city. Nine trees were removed in 2005, 70 trees were planted in street boulevards, an additional 14 were planted in city parks and 4 trees planted in the municipal golf course. Trees species planted included: Ash, Elm, Maple, Honeylocust and Linden. Stumps were removed by city staff and areas top soiled and seeded. Planting included installing wood mulch around the base of each tree. Trees were watered until late fall.

Mayor William Kiley proclaimed Arbor Day on April 29, 2005. Students from a local parochial school attended the ceremony at Plymouth City Hall.

The City of Plymouth continues to take great pride in the "Tree City" status and its citizens enjoy the benefits for tree filled parks and tree-lined streets.

City of Port Washington

11-YEAR PARTICIPANT

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Village of Portage

11-YEAR PARTICIPANT

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We have again revived our Tree Board and are hoping that it will again become a very active part of our community. We have also reintroduced the elm tree back in the City Parks for the first time in over 25 years.

City of Rice Lake

15-YEAR PARTICIPANT • GROWTH AWARD '94, '95

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- planted 105 native trees
- planted 2 Liberty elms with assistance from Tainter Elementary School students during Arbor Day celebration
- pruned and watered over 250 trees that were planted in past years
- pruned roadways and sidewalks during fall tree maintenance program
- assisted in the removal of 89 trees after a June 30 storm; also removed 15 trees that were dying or dangerous to the public

City of Richland Center

7-YEAR PARTICIPANT • GROWTH AWARD '01, '02

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Richland Center had a very successful Arbor Day program during which 20 trees were planted by 25 Fifth grade students. Also, the community successfully applied for a DNR Urban Forestry grant. The Parks and Grounds Department was given more responsibility for urban forestry in Richland Center.

City of Ripon

15-YEAR PARTICIPANT

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In 2005 the City of Ripon planted ten new trees in parks and other locations to replace trees that were removed.

A tree trimming company pruned approximately 80 trees, which helped minimize our losses when heavy winds came through Ripon in the late summer. We feel very strongly that our trimming program helps us tremendously in preserving trees that would otherwise be lost or damaged by high winds.

Publications were handed out to citizens educating them on street tree trimming regulations. Public Works' employees attended workshops on tree care.

Ripon takes great pride in being a Tree City USA.



City of Ripon

Village of Rosendale

9-YEAR PARTICIPANT • GROWTH AWARD '98, '99, '00, '02, '05

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Rosendale has an active tree program and a supportive Village Board for keeping Rosendale green. For our village of 950, we plant between 20 and 35 trees each year. This year we started an "adopt a tree" program with the purpose of making homeowners more responsible for the trees in front of their homes. In this, they paid a small amount of money for a new tree which was required to be planted between the street and the home. For our Arbor Day Program, we work with 5th grade classes at our Intermediate School. This year, the 5th graders planted 8 trees

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on the school grounds. They were divided into eight groups of 4-5 five students. Placed at the base of each tree was a wooden plaque engraved with the students' names and the type of tree they planted. They promised to water them during the summer and care for them as long as they were attending the Intermediate School. The children seemed to take a special interest in having a tree with their name next to it. We also work with the Rosendale Cemetery Board to insure they continue to prune or remove hazardous trees and plant new ones in the cemetery.

Village of Rosendale



Village of Rothschild

4-YEAR PARTICIPANT

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The Village's Forestry program rebounded slightly after two years of budget cuts. For the first time since 2001 the D.C. Everest High School conservation class assisted Village staff in planting 74 trees as a class project. The Village also continued its Arbor Day Program with the local elementary schools. Fifth grade students participated in the National Arbor Day Foundation's poster contest. The top three students from each school were awarded savings bonds from the Village during a tree planting ceremony at their school. In addition, the winner from each school was entered in the state poster contest.

Village of Rothschild



Village of Saukville

18-YEAR PARTICIPANT

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City of Shawano

12-YEAR PARTICIPANT • GROWTH AWARD '96, '98, '03, '04

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Shawano's urban forestry program is under the Department of Public Works, with professional advice provided by a consulting forester on a contract basis. The Tree Advisory Committee meets monthly to assist with the planning for projects.

For the past three years the Tree Advisory Committee (TAC) has presented a "Natures Friend Award" to recognize City property owners, one home owner and one company, that have retained or improved their natural setting by protecting mature trees, planting new and varied species to improve the natural surroundings.

The TAC is working on a volunteer program to involve citizens in assisting with the maintenance of large planters and parking lot green spaces. The TAC has also assisted the Shawano Municipal Utilities in receiving the Tree Line Award for the past two years.



City of Shawano

City of Sheboygan

28-YEAR PARTICIPANT

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Our highlight has to be our Arbor Day program observed in our school district for 25 years. The MC for the program is a retired science teacher who promoted the event in the late 1970's. The event is still going strong.

Village of Sherwood

6-YEAR PARTICIPANT

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Village of Shorewood

10-YEAR PARTICIPANT

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The Village of Shorewood has a maturing stock of street and park trees that require significantly increasing levels of sophisticated forestry activities. We strive to maintain the safety, vigor and appearance of the urban forest. Fortunately the Village has a forestry program that has developed a professional and organized approach to tree management in the village.

In 2005 the forestry department pruned 480 street trees and removed and ground out 98 stumps and trees, along with planting 94 B & B trees.

As part of our Arbor Day celebration this year, two trees were planted at Atwater Park, which overlooks our beach on Lake Michigan. The two trees were donated by the Shorewood Men's Club.

The forestry department engaged in redesigning the hard and green scape of Humble Park by planting trees, shrubs, flowers, and sod in the park. Humble Park is a lot size park at the south entrance of the Village where North Oakland Avenue and Eastwood Avenue meet. The park has walks and sitting areas with green space to sit and relax.

Village of Shorewood Hills

4-YEAR PARTICIPANT • GROWTH AWARD '03, '04, '05

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One of our greatest accomplishments in 2005 was the implementation of a computerized Geographic Information System (GIS) to inventory, map, and manage our community forest.

We made good headway in terms of tree maintenance in that approximately 450 street trees were pruned in our 2nd year of a newly established pruning rotation. This figure represents roughly 15% of the 3,200 street and park trees inventoried in 2000. We also managed about 70 tree removals, putting a good dent in the number of declining and high-risk associated trees in our very mature urban forest.



Village of Shorewood Hills

City of Sparta

9-YEAR PARTICIPANT • GROWTH AWARD '00, '01, '03

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2005 PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

City of Spooner

3-YEAR PARTICIPANT • GROWTH AWARD '04, '05

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2005 was a challenging year for us. We were under drought conditions most of the summer, so we spent a great deal of effort trying to keep the spruce trees we planted in 2005 alive. The highlight for 2005 was the planting of two community gateways. Our tree board designed the plantings and planted trees and shrubs at two of our entrance signs, which was one of the board goals. Most of our employees, along with other members of the community, attended a pruning workshop put on by Cindy Casey from DNR. We plan to make revisions to our tree ordinance in 2006 and do some planting in the boulevard on property we recently acquired for commercial development. We are committed to remaining a Tree City USA.

City of Stevens Point

25-YEAR PARTICIPANT • GROWTH AWARD '93, '00, '01, '02, '03, '04, '05

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A primary goal of 2005 was to evaluate the forestry department's street tree pruning system, and the results of this system. Input from employees was instrumental. The end result will better ensure a safer and healthier urban forest, with a more structured pruning format.

The biggest emphasis will be made on young tree structural pruning. Tree diameters will also be recorded for each tree pruned. This step guarantees the tree has been looked at, and also allows the tree inventory to be updated. This information will aid in tree management needs, such as equipment purchase requests.

The City of Stevens Point received a Small Tree Planting Demonstration Grant from Wisconsin Public Service in 1993. This year we have installed an informational plaque alongside the trees describing the planting, and have added information on the planting on our website StevensPoint.com/forestry.



City of Stevens Point

City of Stoughton

12-YEAR PARTICIPANT • GROWTH AWARD '97, '98, '99, '00, '01, '02, '03, '04, '05

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No one could have predicted that the very year Stoughton set out to draw up a policy for Emergency Response, a massive Category F-3 tornado, exceeding winds of 200 miles an hour, would travel through three townships bordering Stoughton's City Limits. Hence, response to the natural disaster was expedient and efficient, as was the final completion of the official Emergency Response Plan for Stoughton.

Later in the year, as residents in the path of the tornado were making plans to rebuild and plant, the City continued its landscaping plans to install a public rain garden to encourage Stoughton residents to participate in storm water control.

Finally, the supervisor of the fifth and sixth grade youth volunteer tree steward program, the Stoughton Tree Musketeers, started designing curriculum for incorporating youth volunteers from the seventh and eighth grades.



City of Stoughton

City of Sturgeon Bay

12-YEAR PARTICIPANT

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City of Sturgeon Bay



City of Sun Prairie

13-YEAR PARTICIPANT • GROWTH AWARD '00

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City of Superior

7-YEAR PARTICIPANT

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In 2005, we completed a boulevard tree planting project in a low-to-moderate-income neighborhood, introducing disease resistant elms to the neighborhood. The planting was the finishing touch on other infrastructure improvements to that particular neighborhood in Superior.

Tree Board members hosted Arbor Day at Cathedral School and our Tribute Tree donation program added thirteen new trees to boulevards in the City. Finally, Tree Board members provided review and comment on a first-ever Buffering & Landscaping Requirement that has been added to the Zoning Code in Superior.

City of Superior



Village of Theresa

11-YEAR PARTICIPANT • GROWTH AWARD '96, '97, '98, '99, '00, '01

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City of Thorp

13-YEAR PARTICIPANT

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In 2005 the tree board mission was to continue to make Thorp a "green city."

City of Tomahawk

22-YEAR PARTICIPANT • GROWTH AWARD '93

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Tomahawk has been committed to an urban forestry program for 39 years. The city continues to strive to provide the community with a healthy urban forest through education, public awareness, crew training, partnerships both public and private, and viable management practices such as annual plantings, maintenance and removals. Projects include a management plan for Bradley Park. Tomahawk is proud to be one of the smallest communities in Wisconsin with 22 years of Tree City USA certification and looks forward to achieving many more years of recertification.

City of Two Rivers

12-YEAR PARTICIPANT • GROWTH AWARD '97, '98

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The City of Two Rivers continues to maintain the quality and numbers of trees within the city. We've planted approximately 25 terrace trees to increase our numbers from the past. We've also planted approximately 65 trees of various species in our newly completed & award winning Washington Park.

2005 PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

City of Verona

11-YEAR PARTICIPANT • GROWTH AWARD '97

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In 2005, the City of Verona Forestry Department planted over 150 new trees throughout the community. In addition to new planting, crews pruned and watered several hundred trees over the course of the year.

City of Washburn

1-YEAR PARTICIPANT

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2005 was the year that the City of Washburn recognized its responsibility to care for trees within its public rights-of-way and on public property. It was the year that municipal authorities reviewed its tree management ordinance and began enforcing its provisions. 2005 was the year the city began education its residents on the ownership of street trees, care of municipal trees, the appropriate species for the urban environment and how to match planting locations with an appropriate tree species. During the last year, the city public works department purchased a bucket truck to permit the maintenance of the urban forest and assist in the removal of hazard trees. It was also the year that the city initiated a public tree inventory and management plan in preparation for the initiation of an annual street tree planting program to begin in 2006.

Town of Waterford

2-YEAR PARTICIPANT

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Village of Waterford

9-YEAR PARTICIPANT • GROWTH AWARD '03

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Village of Waterford

City of Waterloo

14-YEAR PARTICIPANT • GROWTH AWARD '93, '94, '95

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One of the main highlights for 2005 was getting a local scout troop to participate in the Arbor Day celebration, in which they planted 20 spruce trees that were donated by McKay Nursery.

City of Watertown

17-YEAR PARTICIPANT

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City of Watertown

City of Waukesha

27-YEAR PARTICIPANT • GROWTH AWARD '91, '03, '04

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Given the mandates to reduce public budgets, the challenge continues to be the ability to establish trees in new areas while, at the same time, maintaining existing tree populations. For the most part, it was business as usual during 2005. Waukesha's urban forest continued to endure a third consecutive year of drought during the growing season. A successful effort was made to maintain adequate moisture levels on all recent plantings. Thankfully, gypsy moth numbers have remained low since the population crash and aerial treatment of 2004. We are on the alert for Emerald Ash Borer. The second week of September brought severe weather to Waukesha. High winds destroyed one hundred trees and damaged many more. Our emergency storm response plan was activated to deal with this situation. 2005 saw the completion of two major park landscape renovations. The first at Youmans Park and the second at Horeb Springs Park. Finally, the recently replanted historic Dunbar Oak clone continues to grow and thrive at Bethesda Park. It was recognized for a Silver Star Award, for "special community events", by the Wisconsin Park and Recreation Association.

Village of Waunakee

4-YEAR PARTICIPANT

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City of Waupaca

12-YEAR PARTICIPANT • GROWTH AWARD '03

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The City of Waupaca received an urban forestry grant in the amount of \$2,290 for chainsaw safety training and tree planting. Approximately 75 trees were planted in the parks and streets. The River Ridge Trail Group funded a 300' trail extension at South Park and also a gravel path along the Waupaca River at Riverview Park.



City of Waukesha

City of Wausau

25-YEAR PARTICIPANT

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The City of Wausau maintains approximately 24,000 street trees plus city park trees. The scheduled pruning cycle is around eight years. All newly planted trees are pruned annually for the first five to six years to promote proper structure. Because of Wausau's population growth we annually plant between 400 and 600 trees with approximately 1/3 of those in new subdivisions. Through a partnership with Wisconsin Public Service Corporation the City of Wausau has removed many of the larger growing trees located under overhead electrical lines and replaced them with trees of smaller mature size. Tree work is accomplished with a combination of "in house" and contracted services.



City of Wausau

2005 PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

City of Wautoma

7-YEAR PARTICIPANT

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An ambitious group of volunteers, the City of Wautoma Tree Board works as a team on every level; planting, mulching, watering, trimming and evaluating our trees. Our Public Works Department is an important part of our Tree Board and takes great pride in our city tree program. We are fortunate that we are able to utilize the work release program residents of Winnebago County for our Arbor Day plantings.

Previous emphasis was on planting while at the present time we are concentrating on replanting trees that did not survive our 613 plantings and in hazardous tree removal. Continually we become more educated and informed and we educate the public in their important role in this environmentally responsible endeavor.

City of Wauwatosa

24-YEAR PARTICIPANT

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City of Wauwatosa

Town of Wescott

7-YEAR PARTICIPANT • GROWTH AWARD '05

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The Town of Wescott earned a Tree City USA Growth Award for 2005. The Town made considerable progress in two categories: Continuing Education for Forestry Managers and Green Industry Partnership.

The Town of Wescott partnered with a local Timber Services Company to harvest small residential oak wilt pockets after trenching was completed. This partnership had two major accomplishments. It got oak wilt infected wood out of the firewood market, and it also made oak wilt control more affordable by saving property owners the cost of tree removal. This project was covered in Forestry Notes, a publication of the National Association of Conservation Districts.

The Town also provided a tree planting program for residents to plant on private property, promoting tree diversity in our efforts to make the area less susceptible to tree diseases such as oak wilt. In 2005 the Town Forester became an ISA Certified Arborist, certified Chemical Applicator, and completed Chainsaw Safety Training.



Town of Wescott

City of West Allis

23-YEAR PARTICIPANT

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City of West Bend

22-YEAR PARTICIPANT • GROWTH AWARD '91, '92, '93, '94, '95, '03

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The City of West Bend is honored to have been a recipient of the Tree City USA award for over twenty years. West Bend is fortunate that its residents, many community volunteer organizations, the Park, Recreation, and Forestry Commission, and the Common Council representatives understand and appreciate the value of the Urban Forest.

Receiving nearly \$10,000 in donations from private residents and local organizations has allowed for West Bend's Free Street Tree and Memorial Tree programs to continue, and has provided for additional urban plantings. Multiple grant programs have provided West Bend with future management opportunities and tree establishment within new/pending urban development. Community leaders and planners continue to support mandates that allow for the consistent growth of the Urban Forest within new development and redeveloped areas of the community. Fortunately, for generations, residents of West Bend will be able to reap the benefits of its Urban Forest.

City of Weyauwega

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Village of Whitefish Bay

12-YEAR PARTICIPANT

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City of Whitewater

12-YEAR PARTICIPANT • GROWTH AWARD '98, '01, '02, '03, '04, '05

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Whitewater was fortunate to receive a DNR Stewardship grant that included funding for the removal of invasive species and the planting of native species at Trippe Lake. In addition, the community is supporting, in spirit and funding, the restoration of the Indian Mounds Park to an oak savanna. Finally, the City is working with UWEX and Walworth County to improve forestry education and providing current information on the city website.



City of Whitewater

Village of Williams Bay

5-YEAR PARTICIPANT

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For 2005, Williams Bay's highlights included the maintaining of existing trees throughout the community, the planting of new trees for the future and, at the same time, educating the constituency of the trees' importance.



City of Whitewater

2005 PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

City of Wisconsin Rapids

17-YEAR PARTICIPANT

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Wisconsin Rapids forestry operations continue as budgets and manpower allows. We have been blessed with some donors who have provided trees at no cost to the city. The plantings have taken place in city parks as well as other public buildings.

Several city employees have put forestry training from Mid-State Technical College to good use. This training has made our operation both safer and more efficient.

The city will continue to support its forestry program to the best of its ability.

2005 TREE LINE USA UTILITIES

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2-YEAR PARTICIPANT

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Madison Gas and Electric

9-YEAR PARTICIPANT

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As eager participants, MGE has continued its commitment to quality tree care meeting all requirements of the Tree Line USA program. Partnering with communities we serve to ensure their success in achieving the Tree City USA status and sustaining a healthy urban forest is one of our goals. Together we have removed and replaced “problem trees” with site-specific, wire-friendly species in the city of Madison and the village of Shorewood Hills. Additionally, tree replacements have been completed on private properties throughout our service territory.

Additional program highlights include:

- Cosponsoring the City of Middleton’s Arbor Day event, both financially and assisting students from three elementary schools in planting trees and shrubs in six city parks.
- Exceeding the program requirements, our management staff and contracted trimmers attended several DNR, International Society of Arboriculture and Wisconsin Arborist Association workshops or conferences in addition to scheduled internal supported training.
- Educational efforts included staffing WHA-TV’s Garden Expo, focusing on proper pruning and planting.



Madison Gas and Electric

Pierce Pepin Cooperative Services

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Richland Electric Cooperative

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Richland Electric Cooperative's 2005 Tree Planting Program was focused primarily on an Arbor Day Program at Weston Schools. Approximately 130 students, along with teachers and personnel from Richland Electric Cooperative and Lancaster & Associates, planted two trees accompanied with mulch beds. A low-growing chokeberry tree was planted adjacent to the school's main entrance and a red maple was planted near the school's sign. Additionally, Richland Electric Cooperative published various educational articles and information to reach their goal to educate the members as it pertains to tree and power line relationships.

Wright Tree Service (REC's line clearance contractor) conducted several training sessions with its crews in 2005. Safety, new equipment and arboriculture updates were the main focus of the training sessions. In addition, Lancaster & Associates conducted a meeting directed towards the cooperative's linemen. The main topics of this meeting were proper pruning techniques and trenching and tunneling underground utilities near trees. The linemen were targeted this year to ensure responsible tree care practices on members' properties.



Richland Electric Cooperative

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Stoughton Utilities

5-YEAR PARTICIPANT

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Founded in 1891, Stoughton Utilities has actively assumed the role of forestry stewards in our community and the five neighboring townships we serve in Dane and Rock Counties. Honored in 1994 with the American Public Power Association Golden Tree Award for planting a tree for each of our customers and more recently in 2002 as the first municipally owned electric utility in Wisconsin to be designated as a Tree Line USA Utility, we assume our role as protectors of the urban forests very seriously. Active participation on our local tree commission, annually cosponsoring our local Arbor Day celebration, offering distribution system/forestry education to schools and civic organizations, and providing financial incentives to our neighbors to plant the proper tree in the proper location occurs in concert with the training our line workers receive and use daily in service to our neighbors.



Stoughton Utilities

2005 PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Vernon Electric Cooperative

5-YEAR PARTICIPANT

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Vernon Electric Cooperative's 2005 Tree Planting Program was focused primarily on an Arbor Day planting at the Chaseburg Elementary School. Trees and shrubs were planted into a new landscape bed designed and installed adjacent to the school's entrance. Students from the fifth grade class, accompanied by their advisors and personnel from Vernon Electric Cooperative and Lancaster and Associates, completed the work. Vernon Electric Cooperative also issued tree gift certificates to several members to promote low-growing tree replacements on their properties.

Wright Tree Service (VEC's line clearance contractor) conducted several training sessions with its crews in 2005. Safe work practices, new equipment, and arboricultural updates were the main focus of the training sessions. In addition, Lancaster and Associates conducted a training session with the cooperative's line department. The main point of focus was on trenching and tunneling underground utilities near trees. This was emphasized to ensure responsible tree care practices on members' properties.

Vernon Electric Cooperative



We Energies

17-YEAR PARTICIPANT

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We Energies will be celebrating eight years as a Tree Line USA utility company. We continue a tradition of cooperative Arbor Day activities with local schools and municipalities.

We Energies and the City of Waukesha received an ISA Gold Leaf award for outstanding Arbor Day activities at the 2005 Annual Wisconsin Arborist Association conference in Green Bay, Wisconsin. This year's program stressed environmental and economic value of urban trees while emphasizing safety.

Tree replacement and environmental projects are also considered valuable opportunities to collaborate with communities. Several environmental projects were supported during 2005.

Training of line clearance crews was enhanced this year to include the newly published ISA's "Best Management Practices for Utility Pruning of Trees" by Geoff Kempter. All crews received copies of the new publication during the training.

Dr. Alex Shigo's booklet "Pruning Trees Near Electrical Utility Lines" and Dr. James Fazio's booklet "Trenching and Tunneling Near Trees: A Field Pocket Guide for Qualified Workers" continue to be used by We Energies employees and contractors.

We Energies employees are members of the ISA, WAA, and UAA. We continue to be active members and attend workshops keeping current with the arboriculture industry best management practices. Customer satisfaction and safety are key to We Energies' success.

The We Energies publication "Tree Planting" was revised in 2005 to provide better suggestions for our customers and the website was also enhanced. Please visit our website soon to see the information and recommendations for planting.

Wisconsin Public Service Corporation

17-YEAR PARTICIPANT

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Wisconsin Public Service Corporation (WPSC) planted \$17,000 worth of trees throughout the service territory. Power-line friendly trees were planted for environmental events at schools and other organizations and as replacements for desired removals.

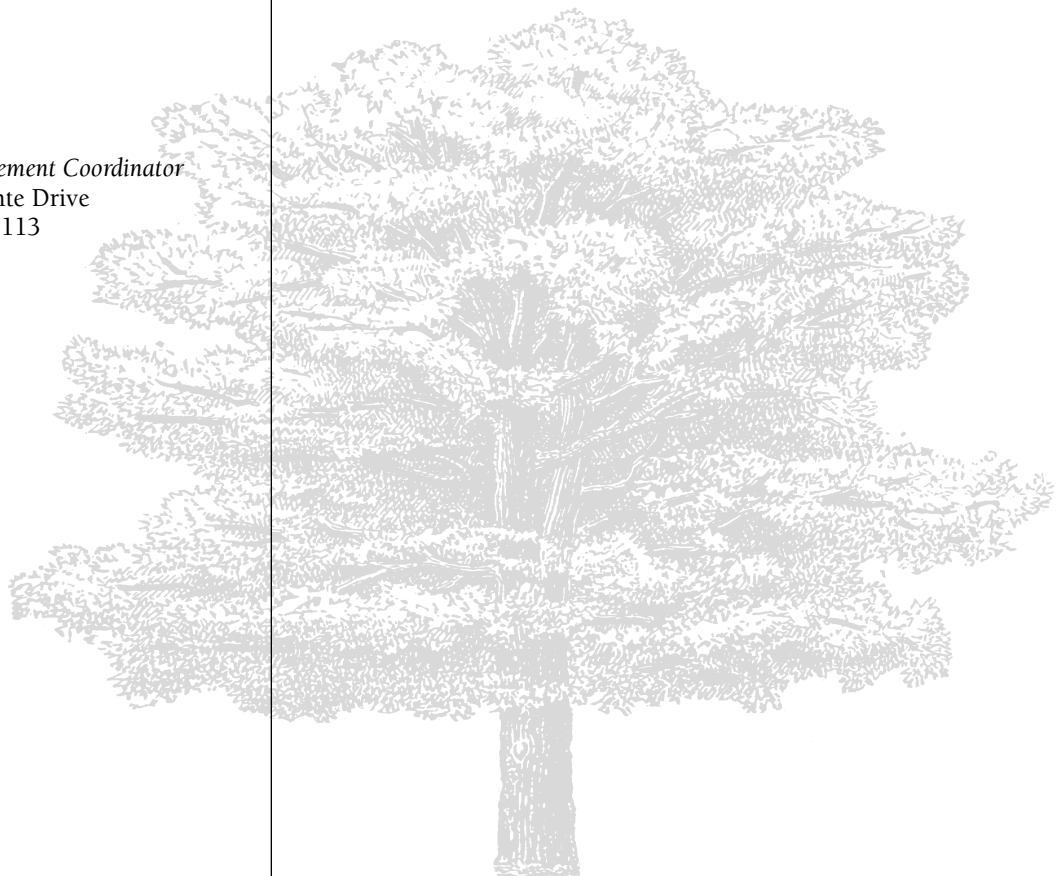


Wisconsin Public Service Corporation

Xcel Energy

17-YEAR PARTICIPANT

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2005 Arbor Day Poster Contest

Over 1,000 students participated in Wisconsin's 2005 Arbor Day Poster Contest. The 2005 award winners are pictured here.

The contest, which is open to fifth graders throughout the state, allows children to become more aware of the role trees play in their community and "the importance of wise environmental stewardship."

The theme for the 2006 contest is "Trees are Terrific, in all Shapes and Sizes," and submittals for the contest were due as of February 21, 2006. The winner of the state competition will go on to compete at the national level. The winner will receive the national award at the National Awards weekend, April 28-30, 2006, celebrated at the National Arbor Day Foundation's headquarters in Nebraska City, NE.

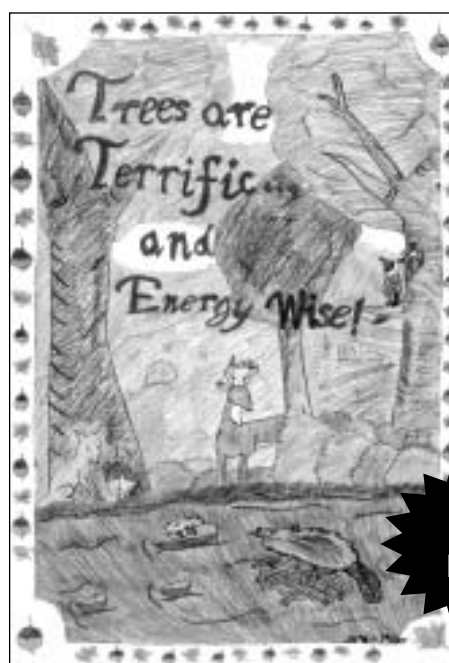
Additional specific rules for the contest are available at the National Arbor Day Foundation website:

<http://www.arborday.org/kids/postercontest/index.cfm>.



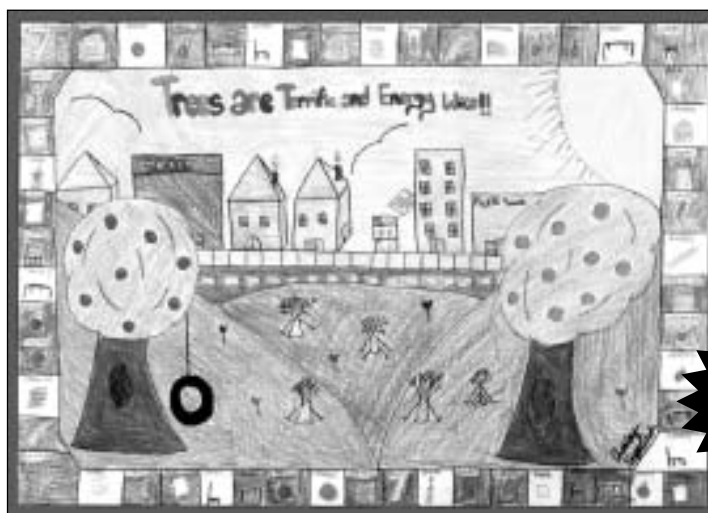
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Place

Leah Vosters—St. Florian School, Hatley



2nd
Place

Jordin Miller—Wheatland Center Elementary School, Burlington



3rd
Place

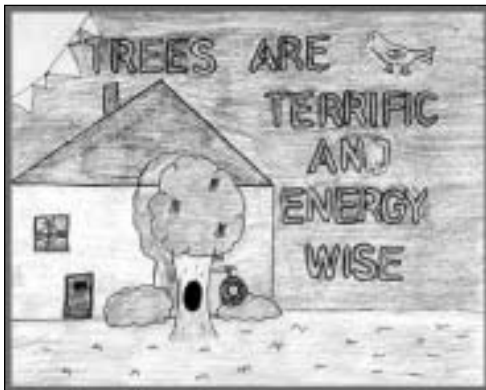
Ashley Sigetich—Kosciuszko Elementary School, Cudahy



Sara Walski—Cochrane-Fountain City Elementary, Fountain City



PaZong Vang—Fort Howard Elementary, Green Bay



Natasha Weren—Schiocton Elementary School, Schiocton



Brittnei Tucker—Spring Valley Elementary School, Antigo



Emily Adkins—Doty Elementary, Green Bay



Allison Childs—Friess Lake School, Hubertus



Nicole McKenzie—Grantsburg Middle School, Grantsburg



Jenna Rae Wahl—Spring Green Elementary, Spring Green



Katie Kosobucki—Rosholt Elementary School, Rosholt

Congratulations
to everyone...
well done!



Internet Resources

Urban & Community Forestry

Center for Urban Horticulture, College of Forest Resources, Univ. of WA –

www.cfr.washington.edu/research.envmind/

- effects of urban trees on shopping behavior & similar visual preference studies; report on parking lot shading/screening codes

Center for Watershed Protection –

www.cwp.org/forestry/index.htm

- 3-part Urban Watershed Forestry Manual

Human-Environment Research Laboratory of Univ. of IL at Urbana-Champaign – www.herl.uiuc.edu/

- psycho-social effects of urban vegetation (physical & mental health, aggression, crime, attitudes & behavior in children, etc.)

National Arbor Day Foundation – www.arborday.org/

- publicity & media resources: public service announcements, press releases, Arbor Day information & ideas; Tree City and Tree Line USA program information

TreeLink – www.treelink.org/

- national source/clearinghouse for urban forestry information & support, job & conference notices, listserves, news, research highlights, etc.

USDA Forest Service Center for Urban Forest Research, UC–Davis – <http://wcufre.ucdavis.edu/>

- environmental benefits of urban trees, including air temperature, pollution and storm water effects

USDA FS Northeast Center for Urban & Community Forestry, UMass–Amherst –

www.umass.edu/urbantree/forest.shtml

- research and technology transfer tools (guides, fact-sheets, public domain tree mgt. software, etc.) for urban forestry managers and decision makers

USDA FS Northeastern Research Station, Syracuse, NY – www.fs.fed.us/ne/syracuse/

- urban forest effects on air quality and human health

USDA FS North Central Research Station, Evanston, Illinois – www.ncrs.fs.fed.us/4902/

- studies on landscape and demographic change, natural landscape restoration & management, environmental perceptions & values, fire management in wildland-urban interface

Wisconsin DNR Urban Forestry Program Home Page – <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/land/forestry/UF/Index.htm>

- the Wisconsin urban & community forestry connection: national, regional, state & local information, notices, publications & resources, etc.

Urban Landscape Tree Care (Arboriculture)

International Society of Arboriculture –

www.treesaregood.com/

- ISA's Web page for tree care consumers; certified arborist database

Minnesota Trees – www.mntrees.org/

- “one-stop shopping” for tree care information from experts

National Arbor Day Foundation – www.arborday.org/

- consumer-friendly tree planting and care information; tree identification key

University of Illinois at Chicago–Urbana –

<http://woodyplants.nres.uiuc.edu/>

- woody plant identification and selection database

UW Madison–Extension, Center for Urban Horticulture –

www.uwex.edu/ces/wihort/

- horticulture information for Wisconsin consumers

UW Madison–Extension, Dept. of Entomology –

www.entomology.wisc.edu/entodiag.html

- tree pest fact sheets; instructions for submitting specimens for identification

UW Madison–Extension, Plant Disease Diagnostics Clinic –

www.plantpath.wisc.edu/pddc/pddcgraphics/index.htm

- tree disease fact sheets; instructions for submitting samples for testing

USDA Forest Service, Urban Forestry Center for the Midwestern States –

www.na.fs.fed.us/spfo/urbanforestry/ucf.htm

- tree & forest health publications



Wisconsin Urban Forestry Facts

Wisconsin Urban Forestry

- Communities that could support an urban forestry program: 625
- Urban Population: 4.2 million people, 81% of the state's population
- Total communities active in urban forestry in 2005: 232
- Managing communities: 34
- Developing communities: 198
- Tree City USAs: 162 – third in the nation behind Ohio and Illinois
- TCUSA growth awards: Averaging 22 per year over the 15 yrs of the program
- Tree Line USAs: 12 – 5 investor, 4 co-op, 3 municipal

Wisconsin's Urban Forests

- 2 million acres – about 5% of the land area
- 29% statewide average tree canopy cover in Wisconsin communities
- Most commonly occurring trees on Wisconsin streets (in descending order):
Norway maple, green ash, honeylocust, little-leaf linden, silver maple, white ash, sugar maple

Wisconsin DNR Urban Forestry Program

- Staff: 8 full-time staff and 5 half-time staff
 - Full-time (state funds): 1 state coordinator, 6 regional coordinators
 - Full-time (federal funds): 1 state urban forestry grant manager
 - Half-time (federal funds): 2 regional urban forestry assistants, 1 urban forest assessment specialist, 1 communication specialist, 1 public affairs manager
- Annual state funding: \$1.2 million – staff: \$432,000; operations: \$238,000; grants: \$530,000
- Federal grant (2005): \$301,600
- State Urban Forestry Council: 24 member, advisory/advocacy
- Activities and products:
 - Communities assisted: 200+ annually
 - Grants awarded: averaging 60 grants totaling \$625,000 annually
 - *Wisconsin Urban & Community Forests*: quarterly print newsletter, circulation 5,600
 - *Wisconsin Urban Forestry Insider*: bi-weekly electronic newsletter
 - Web site: <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/land/forestry/UF/>
 - Annual Urban Forestry Conference: partnership with WI Arborist Assn., avg. attendance – 600
 - Annual Urban Forestry Workshop series: 13-15 locations throughout the state, avg. attendance – 500
 - State urban forest canopy assessment; Urban Forest Health Monitoring pilots
 - Regional urban forestry networking groups
 - Various publications, guides, displays, presentations and training sessions

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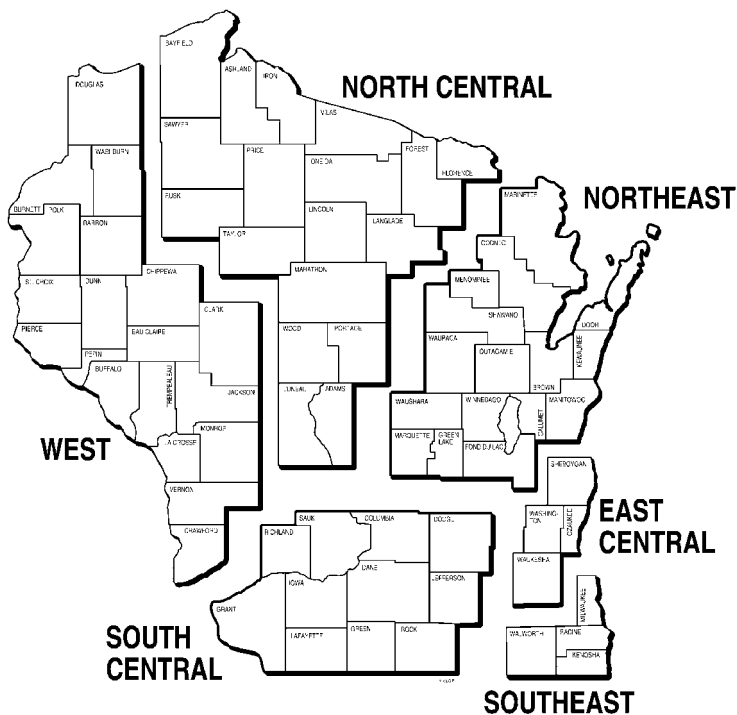
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